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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st




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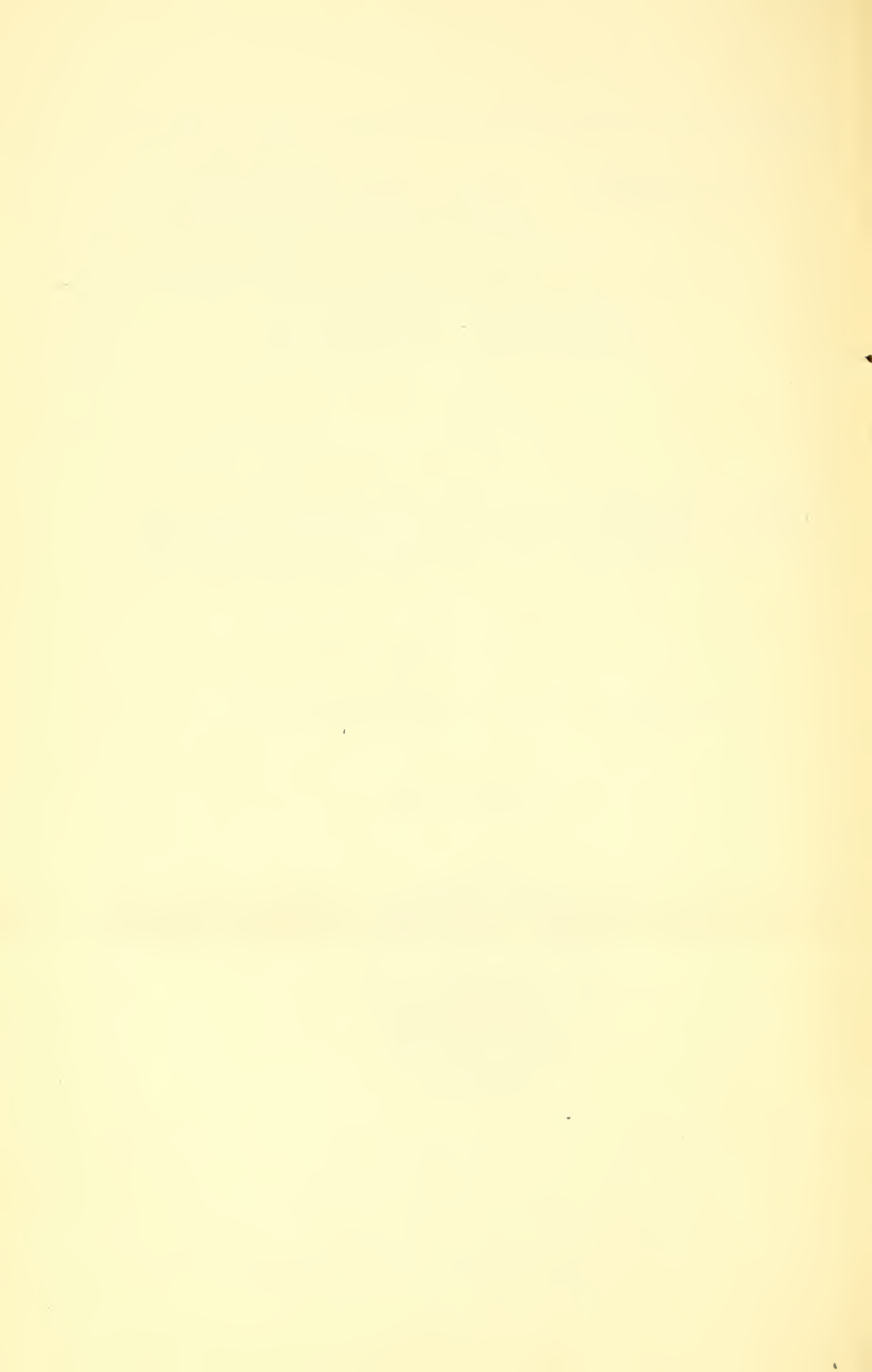
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TOWN OFFICERS, 1903-1904.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Fence Viewers

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES, *Chairman*

JAMES W. KILLAM, *Secretary*

OLIVER L. AKERLEY

Assessors

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1905

JOHN H. ADDEN, *Sec'y* . . . " " 1904

MILLARD F. CHARLES . . . " " 1906

Town Clerk

MILLARD F. CHARLES

Treasurer

EDWARD F. PARKER

Collector of Taxes

HERBERT M. VIALI

Auditors

EDGAR N. HUNT

ALBERT P. DANE

GEORGE H. CLOUGH

Board of Health

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, *Chairman* . . . Term expires 1906

FRED D. MERRILL, *Secretary* . . . " " 1905

GEORGE L. FLINT . . . " " 1904

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	Term expires	1905
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	.	"	" 1906
ELIZABETH H. BROWN	.	.	.	"	" 1906
HORACE G. WADLIN	.	.	.	"	" 1905
MARY L. NESMITH	.	.	.	"	" 1904
HENRY C. PARKER	.	.	.	"	" 1904
MELVILLE A. STONE, <i>Superintendent of Schools.</i>					

Water Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	Term expires	1904
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	.	"	" 1906
E. HARLEY GOWING	.	.	.	"	" 1905

Municipal Light Board

WM. S. KINSLEY, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	Term expires	1906
CHARLES W. LEE, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	.	"	" 1904
GEORGE L. FLINT	.	.	.	"	" 1905

Trustees of Public Library

HORACE G. WADLIN, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	.	Term expires	1904
CYRUS M. BARROWS, <i>Secretary</i>	.	.	.	"	" 1905
FREDERICK E. WHITTEMORE	.	.	.	"	" 1905
HARLEY PRENTISS	.	.	.	"	" 1906
HENRY G. KITTREDGE	.	.	.	"	" 1906
J. WOODWARD MANNING	.	.	.	"	" 1904

Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery

GALEN A. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	.	.	Term expires 1905
WILLIE E. TWOMBLY	.	.	" " 1905
ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Supt. and Sec'y</i>	"	"	1906
ALDEN BATCHELDER	.	.	" " 1904
FRANK L. EDGERLEY	.	.	" " 1904
HENRY T. LEAVIS	.	.	" " 1906

Registrars

MILLARD F. CHARLES, *Clerk*

OWEN McKENNEY WALTER S. PRENTISS
WALTER M. SCOTT

Engineers of Fire Department

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Clerk*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

L. T. EAMES

Forest Firewards

ASA PARKER, *Chairman*

ALBION G. NICHOLS WILLARD A. BANCROFT
JOHN N. WESTON HERBERT E. McINTIRE

Constables

FRED. D. MERRILL J. HENRY ORR

Police

FRED D. MERRILL, *Chief, and Keeper of the Lock-up.*

J. HENRY ORR

WM. H. MANNING

Specials

SAMUEL BROWN

CHESTER W. McDOUGAL

JEREMIAH CULLINANE

ASA PARKER

JOHN STOCK

EUGENE L. LOVEJOY

JASON ZWICKER

ROBERT POWERS

REUBEN J. LEFAVE

CLEMENT GLEASON

Truant Officer

AZRO A. SMITH

Superintendent of Streets

ARTHUR G. EMERSON

Keeper of Town Home

JOHN F. BURNHAM

Inspector of Plumbing

GREENLEAF S. TUKEY

**Inspector of Animals, Slaughter Houses, Meats and
Provisions**

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRANK W. PARKER

Burial Agent of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors

EPHRAIM WIGHT

Tree Warden

A. CHANDLER MANNING

Finance Committee

M. F. CHARLES, <i>Secretary</i> , . . .	Term expires Dec. 31, 1904
G. A. PARKER	" " " " "
M. A. STONE	" " " " "
E. L. LOVEJOY	" " " " "
SOLOM BANCROFT	" " " " "
H. E. McINTIRE	" " Dec. 31, 1903
JOHN CONNELLY	" " " " "
GEO. W. BEASLEY	" " " " "
JOS. S. TEMPLE	" " " " "
F. W. B. PRATT	" " " " "
JACOB MITCHELL, <i>Chairman</i>	" " Dec. 31, 1905
ALDEN BATCHELDER	" " " " "
F. E. CRAFTS	" " " " "
H. P. BOSSON	" " " " "
F. M. SMITH	" " " " "

Mesurers of Wood and Bark

JAMES A. BANCROFT	CHARLES WAKEFIELD
CALVIN L. MARTIN	WENDELL BANCROFT
FRED'K WALLACE	

Surveyors of Lumber

JAMES A. BANCROFT	SAMUEL BROWN
WENDELL BANCROFT	JOSEPH W. KILLAM
ORA L. MILBURY	BURTON K. SYMONDS

Weighers of Coal and Hay

CHAS. W. LEE

FRED M. PLATTS

IRVING BANCROFT

M. J. DALEY

JOHN McKILLOP

WENDELL BANCROFT

CALVIN L. MARTIN

FREEMAN KELSO

LUKE McKENNEY

WM. WHITE

WM. BUCHANAN

JOHN LOGAN

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1903

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUP'N OF FATHER.
Jan. 2.	Raymond Alexander McCoughey	M	Joseph and Maud (Martin) McCoughey	Rubber Worker
" 5.	Leavitt Rounds	M	Samuel and Julia E. (Snow) Rounds	Carpenter
" 5.	Elmer Baxter Stratton	M	Charles E. and Carrie E. (Sias) Stratton	Shoemaker
" 7.	Harold Elliott Leve	M	Charles and Maud E. (Smith) Leve	Musician
" 9.	Harold Miner Rogers	M	Chester B. and Annie K. (Miner) Rogers	Machinist
" 9.	Ellen Louise Wall	F	John T. and Delia (Kane) Wall	Baggage Master
" 11.	Gaw	F	Robert and Elizabeth (Kinneer) Gaw	Motorman
" 15.	Helen Gertrude Currell	F	Elas B. and Uella W. (Messinger) Currell	Carpenter
" 18.	Froton	M	Amrose and Teresa (Meuse) Froton	Laborer
" 21.	Bartholemew Carney	M	William and Margaret (Devaney) Carney	Laborer
" 30.	Hazel Murray	F	Thomas J. and Elizabeth (Sullivan) Murray	Painter
Feb. 9.	Hazel Jeannette Prescott	F	Carlton H. and Florence C. (Young) Prescott	Reed Voicer
" 13.	Dewey	F	F. Osman and	Clerk
" 13.	Ralph Herman Harvey	M	Herman E. and Lizzie (Nowell) Harvey	Engineer
Mar. 6.	William Bruce Wickens	M	John and Sarah (Bruce) Wickens	Printer
" 9.	Mary Lottie Muse	F	Jeremiah and Mary (Babine) Muse	Laborer
" 10.	Margaret Thompson Hannaford	F	Henry J. and Esther (Dugan) Wilson	Rubber Worker
" 12.	Frances Margaret Wilson	F	Frank and Eleanor (Fiorani) Conti	Bottler
" 14.	Antoinette Amelie Conti	F	Charles E. and Mabel V. (Trask) Langdon	Grocery Clerk
" 15.	Arthur Eugene Langdon	M	Daniel J. and Nora (Driscoll) Desmond	Gardener
" 15.	Elizabeth Desmond	F	John H. and Mary E. (Weber) Burke	Messenger
" 16.	William Burke	M	John H. and Mary E. (Weber) Burke	Messenger
" 16.	Dionysius Burke	M	Reuben and Madeline (Doucette) Froton	Stone Mason
" 20.	Mabel Catherine Froton	F	L. William and Anne (Godfrey) Hayes	Engineer
" 21.	Florence May Doucette	F	John and Ethel (Hutchinson) Anderson	Farmer
" 21.	Gladys Hazel Hayes	F	William E. and Henrietta (Skidmore) Borthwick	Driver
" 24.	Harriet Vivian Anderson	F	Simon and Mary Elizabeth (Muse) Castine	Cochman
Apr. 4.	Mabel Gertrude Borthwick	F	Thos. F. and Elizabeth M. (Judges) Pendergrace	Clerk
" 5.	Castine	F	Oliver M. and Agnes W. (Copeland) Wade	Salesman
" 10.	Mabel Gladys Pendergrace	F	Frederick R. and Mildred D. (Ryan) Smith	Lumber Dealer
" 15.	Russell Copeland Wade	M	Arthur and Emily A. (Mann) Peterson	Stone Mason
" 20.	Marion Hilton Smith	F	Frank R. and Anna (McLellan) Stevens	Agent
" 24.	Ida Peterson	F	Edward W. and Edith H. (Neal) Briggs	Bookkeeper
" 26.	Ethel Althea Stevens	F	Percy N. and Blanche E. (Copeland) Carter	Clerk
May 7.	Donald Hart Briggs	M	Nathaniel A. and Mabel S. (LeClair) Sparhawk	Clerk
" 10.	Geraldine Carrier	F	Peter and Albina (Didevoir) Froton	Shoemaker
" 13.	Margaret Damon Sparhawk	F	Frank E. and Annie (Doucette) Clements	Iceman
" 19.	Cecelia Ruth Froton	F	George M. and Bessie M. (Briggs) Hutchinson	Silk Cutter
" 23.	Annie Hutchinson	F	Judson P. and Lena M. (Temple) Cook	Brakeman
" 25.	Emily Hutchinson	F	Thomas and Marie (Crownhurst) Buckle	Shoe String Mfr
" 27.	Myrtle Temple Cook	F	Charles J. and Sarah (McPhee) Haag	Cabinet Maker
" 29.	Dorothy Pearl Buckle	F	Enoch C. and Flora E. (Hill) Shaw	Plumber
" 29.	Clare Russell Haag	M	Stephen and Bridget (Higgins) Geary	Rubber Worker
June 3.	Shaw	M	Wilfred and Fanny I. (Hatfield) Bancroft	Mining
" 6.	Stephen Geary	M	Adelbert D. and Janetha E. (Russell) Roberts	Laundryman
" 13.	Louise Bancroft	F		
" 13.	Dorothy Roberts	F		

" 17.	Ethel May Mitchell	F	Fred G. and Bertha L. (Pierce) Mitchell	Motorman
" 19.	Madeline Andrews	F	John and Mary A. (Hanscom) Andrews	Shoemaker
" 20.	George Crosby Shackford	M	Alonzo C. and Effie B. (Knights) Shackford	Stable Keeper
" 21.	Louise Margaret Muse	F	William H. and Lizzie M. (Doucette) Muse	Carpenter
" 30.	Dorothy Elizabeth Graham	F	Wm. J. and Minerva (Harrow) Graham	Chair Finisher
July 2.	John Leonard Sanford	M	Walter E. and Mary E. (Stas) Sanford	Farmer
" 6.	John Zanni	M	Angelo and Kate (Cunio) Zanni	Laborer
" 7.	Ernest R. Turner	M	Anthony M. and Lydia (White) Turner	Farmer
" 21.	William Alan Henderson	M	Charles R. and Grace (Niles) Henderson	Physician
" 22.	Robert Enos Dulong	M	Enos and Annie M. (Laetsch) Dulong	Conductor
" 24.	Louise DeFerrari	F	Joseph and Mary (Cunio) DeFerrari	Rubber Worker
" 26.	Edna Louisa Brown	F	Osith H. and Agnes M. (Allen) Brown	Driver
" 29.	Arthur Leo Dulong	M	Peter R. and Rose C. (Proton) Dulong	Conductor
" 31.	Edith Helena Robinson	F	Joseph S. and Emma M. (Flanders) Robinson	Plumber
Aug. 3.	Charles Quincy McIntire	M	Melvin S. and Elizabeth J. (Bell) McIntire	Box Maker
" 17.	Kenneth Keith Ayer	M	Albert E. and L. Mabel (Keith) Ayer	Milk Dealer
" 18.	Norman Daniel Adams	M	Ernest H. and Mary H. (Polk) Adams	Farmer
" 19.	Charles Frederick Stront	M	Frank F. and Rachel L. (DeGrasse) Stront	Engineer
" 22.	William Russell	M	William and Isabelle Russell	Shoemaker
" 23.	Dora Gersinovitich	F	Barnet and Annette (Gordon) Gersinovitich	Farmer
" 28.	O'Brien	M	Wm. and Lydia M. (LeBlanc) Melanson	Carpenter
Sept. 3.	Harold Antony Melanson	M	James and Margaret (Higgins) Ferrick	Section Hand
" 5.	John Ferrick	M	Joseph and Alice (Richard) Galant	Laborer
" 5.	Joseph Edmund Galant	M	Ernest and Mary B. Hill	Upholsterer
" 6.	Rose May Hill	F	Rufus L. T. and May A. (Calvin) Goodridge	R. R. Employee
" 16.	Roy Goodridge	M	Rufus L. T. and May A. (Calvin) Goodridge	R. R. Employee
" 16.	Ruth Goodridge	F	Orrin H. and Katherine (Driscoll) Dow	Shoemaker
" 18.	Mary Katherine Dow	F	Frank and Emma (Meuse) Dulong	Shoemaker
" 29.	Dulong	F	Almon and Grace E. (Lambert) Foster	Accountant
Oct. 5.	Lucille Eleanor Foster	F	James A. and Emma M. (Brown) Richardson	Machinist
" 16.	Jason Elbridge Richardson	M	James A. and Rose M. (Merrifield) Crowhurst	Carrier
" 17.	Harry Leroy Crowhurst	M	Alfred L. and Sadie (Melanson) Turner	Electrician
" 28.	Joseph Turner	M	Alphonse and Lillian (McWade) Wellman	Pattern Maker
" 28.	Iola Vivian Wellman	F	Augustus and Louise (Meuse) Surette	Carpenter
Nov. 6.	Catherine Francis Surette	F	George F. and Lillian (Milloury) Nealey	Clerk
" 9.	Beatrice Nealey	F	George A. and Mary A. (Farrar) Curtis	Supt.
" 19.	Marjorie Curtis	F	George J. and Hattie M. (Miller) Thorburn	Jeweler
" 26.	Robert Harold Thorburn	M	Luigi and Carobins (Marconi) Crosbetti	Rubber Worker
Dec. 6.	Leonello Marchetti	M	Guy M. and Alice H. (McKay) Crosby	Conductor
" 6.	Melvin Seth Crosby	M	Horace J. and Sarah (White) Hatch	Rattan Worker
" 20.	Florence May Hatch	F	Thomas and Emma (Racon) Clement	Section Hand
" 28.	Mamie Allen Clement	F	Sylvanus L. and Helen (Leavitt) Thompson	Machinist
" 29.	Helen M. Thompson	F	Edward J. and Annie White	Shoemaker
" 31.	William Frederick White	M		
1900			ADDITIONAL	
Jan. 27.	Effie Eliza Currell	F	Elias B. and Uella (Messenger) Currell	Carpenter
1902				
Feb. 28.	Hazel Elizabeth DeRonde	F	Martin J. and Emma R. (Boaley) DeRonde	Baggage Master

Whole number of births, 34; Males, 42; Females, 52. Nativity of parents: Fathers born in United States, 48; Mothers foreign born, 46. Mothers born in United States, 48; Mothers foreign born, 46.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1903.

DATE.	NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM.	AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAME OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 26.	Ralph Frederick Heselton	18	Machinist	Reading, Mass.	Richmond and Lizzie M. (Wakefield) Heselton	Daniel Marsh, Clergyman
	Harriet M. Carter	19	Shoe Worker	Merrimac, Mass.	Charles N. and Anna F. (Fellows) Carter	Charles H. Leary, Clergyman
Feb. 11.	Joseph L. Call	31	Farmer	New Brunswick.	Jonathan and Jane (Burgess) Call	Charles H. Leary, Rector
"	Bertha E. Jackson	20	Housework	New Brunswick.	John S. and Emily (Whitney) Jackson	Charles H. Leary, Rector
" 14.	Thomas W. Cleveland	32	Mechanic	Hillsboro, N. B.	Harry A. and Mary E. (Forsyth) Cleveland	William T. O'Connor, Asst. Rector
"	Elizabeth C. Bishop Bell Dow	39	Housewife	Kentville, N. Va.	Theophilus A. and Kath. (Kinsman) Bishop	W. W. Everts, Clergyman
" 16.	Frank Doucette	22	Laborer	Nova Scotia.	Leson and Jane (Clements) Doucette	William T. O'Connor, Asst. Rector
"	Mary Castine	16	At Home	Nova Scotia.	Peter and Mary (Muses) Castine	W. W. Everts, Clergyman
" 22.	Herman Chester Skinner	29	Fireman R. R.	Reading, Mass.	Herbert A. and Bessie M. (Russell) Skinner	John W. Ward, Clergyman
"	Louelle F. Howard	22	Necktie Maker	Boston, Mass.	William H. and Mary E. (Perry) Howard	Stoneman, Mass
Mar. 18.	Chester Brown Pratt	33	Travelling Salesman	Reading, Mass.	Daniel F. and Angelina B. (Burt) Pratt	Julian C. Jaynes, Clergyman
Mar. 21.	Bertha L. Ramsdell	30	At Home	Arlington, Mass.	Thomas H. and Harriett L. (Pitts) Ramsdell	Newton, Mass
"	Daniel T. Bickford	49	Clerk	Norway, Me.	Eben B. and Sarah J. (Smith) Bickford	William Malcolm Buzza, Clergy-
" 28.	Mattie A. Jewett	39	At Home	St. Johns, N. B.	John S. and Matilda (Golden) Millen	man, Boston, Mass
"	Charles W. Poole	31	Carpenter	Woburn, Mass.	William and Marcia L. (Deering) Poole	W. W. Everts, Clergyman
"	Ada E. Fairburn	26	Waitress	Stuvenville, Ohio.	George and Mary A. (Holland) Fairburn	Boston, Roxbury dist
April 2.	John Herbert Marshall	24	Asst. Paymaster	Reading, Mass.	Simeon M. and Cora (Stevenson) Marshall	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 8.	Mildred Alice Guild	20	At Home	Hyde Park, Mass.	Edward P. and Cora (Hamilton) Cook	Reading, Mass
"	Judson P. Cook	29	Brakeman	North Reading, Mass	Augustine P. and Emma (Staples) Temple	Andrew J. Torslett, Minister of
" 11.	Lena May Temple	23	Shoe Stitcher	Reading, Mass.	Warren K. and Annie M. (Staples) Temple	the Gospel, Melrose, Mass
"	Frank Preston Smith	23	Restaurateur	Boston, Mass.	Preston E. and Minerva D. (Hopkins) Smith	John R. Cushing, Clergyman
" 13.	Bertha Elliott Farquhar	26	Waitress	Liverpool, N. S.	Jacob and Mary L. (Gerhart) Farquhar	So. Boston, Mass.
"	Ernest Lincoln Barrows	24	Civil Engineer	Whitman, Mass.	Gustavus H. and Emma L. (Reid) Barrows	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
"	Ruby Mae Harris	25	Student	Methuen, Mass.	Albert H. and Stella (Pumey) Harris	Reading, Mass
" 14.	Arthur C. Howard	33	Grocer's Clerk	E. Bridgewater, Mass	Cyrus and Lydia (Hall) Howard	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
"	Nellie B. Whitmarsh	29	Bookkeeper	E. Bridgewater, Mass.	Albert C. and Laura (Gerald) Whitmarsh	Reading, Mass
" 16.	Raymond W. Beecher	22	Stenographer	Fitchburg, Mass.	David U. and Eliza L. (James) Beecher	Hugh A. Heath, Baptist Minister
"	Lena A. Mayers	21	Weaver	Roxbury, Mass.	Charles L. and Emma W. (Hale) Barrett	W. W. Everts, Clergyman
June 1.	Paul Leroy Barrett	23	Salesman	Melrose, Mass.	Willie A. and Emma W. (Hale) Barrett	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 3.	Mabel Florence Platts	24	Bookkeeper	Woburn, Mass.	George F. and Beulah J. (Hancock) Platts	Millard F. Charles, Town Clerk
"	Arthur E. Bartlett	28	Farm Supt.	West Newbury, Mass.	John E. and Eliza (Folansbee) Bartlett	Reading, Mass
" 8.	Mary O'Connell	48	At Home	Salem, Mass.	John and Priscilla (Carr) O'Connell	John S. Blair, Minister of the
"	Frank Elmer Harvey	37	Baggage Master	Newton, N. H.	John R. and Rosanna F. (Trull) Harvey	Gospel, Newton, N. H.
" 10.	Martha Goodridge Adams	43	Japanner	Cambridge, Mass.	Charles A. and Sarah F. (Woodbury) Adams	Henry Irving Cushman, Clergy-
"	Fannie Alice Ferrin	43	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Charles and Caroline E. (Adams) Myers	man, Providence, R. I.
" 14.	Herbert Austin Ramsdell	22	Woodworker	Watertown, Mass.	Warren and Sarah (Hill) Ferrin	H. J. Madden, Priest
"	Catharine Teresa Scanlan	22	Mill Hand	Lynnfield, Mass.	George E. and Ada T. (Greenwood) Ramsdell	W. W. Everts, Clergyman
" 16.	Clifton Moulton Platts	22	Freight Cashier	Woburn, Mass.	Bartholemew and Mary E. (Rafterty) Scanlan	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
"	Marion Ethelyn Boyd	24	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Charles B. and Maria F. (Moulton) Platts	Reading, Mass
					John A. and Ida M. (Temple) Boyd	

" 17.	William Donald Craig	23	R. R. Employee	Bridgton, N. S.	William E. and Margaret F. (Parker) Craig	William Walter Wakeman, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass
" 23.	Hattie Maud Elliott	41	Dressmaker	Mount Hanley, N. S.	Zehulon and Susan (Brown) Elliott	B. H. Lane, Clergyman
" 24.	William Henry Becker	25	Jeweler	Salem, Mass.	Peter and Caroline (Kellar) Becker	Rockland, Mass
" 28.	Mabel Elizabeth Wetherbee	38	Teacher	Rockland, Mass.	J. Milton and Eunice P. (Baker) Wetherbee	William T. O'Connor
" 28.	John E. Frost	18	Motorman	Bellville, Nova Scotia	Daniel E. and Rose Ann (Doucette) Frost	William T. O'Connor
" 28.	Sadie A. Parker	16	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Asa and Sarah A. (Lythgoe) Parker	Asst. Rector, Wakefield, Mass
" 28.	John F. Murphy	26	At Home	Stonham, Mass.	Patrick T. and Rose (McHugh) Murphy	William J. Mellerick, Priest
" 28.	Annie M. Connor	20	Clerk	Manchester, N. H.	Thomas and Catherine (Kenney) Connor	Stonham, Mass
" 28.	Frank H. Roberts	26	Teamster	Reading, Mass.	Frank E. and Phoebe H. (Sutton) Roberts	John W. Ward, Clergyman
July	Carrie Josephine May Roxbee	18	At Home	Stonham, Mass.	Wm. H. and Henrietta (Taylor) Baxter	Augustus Irving Seville, Minister of the Gospel, Melrose, Mass
" 4.	Charles Baxter	23	Foreman	St. Johns, N. B.	James and Bertha (Bain) McFarland	Walter H. Rollins, Clergyman
" 4.	Margaret McFarland	27	Nurse	Putnam, Conn.	Eben and Emma F. (Pratt) Pitman	Wilmington, Mass
" 4.	Arthur Kinball Pitman	25	Bookkeeper	Wilmington, Mass.	Geo. W. and Mary A. (Stimpson) Sidelincker	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 7.	Ada Mabel Sidelincker	65	Bookkeeper	England	Thomas and Mary (Ashworth) Pears	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 7.	Thomas Pears	27	Gardener	Reading, Mass.	Daniel and Phoebe (Eatson) Sheldon	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 9.	Mary Ann Sheldon Green	80	At Home	Philadelphia, Pa.	John L. and Josie E. (Ramsdell) Cross	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 9.	George Ramsdell Cross	18	Shoe Salesman	Philadelphia, Pa.	Moses M. and Josie E. (Sturte) Batchelder	Wm. Walter Wakeman, Minister of the Gospel, Reading, Mass
" 20.	Elsie May Batchelder	21	Fancy Stitcher	Raymond, N. H.	William C. and Annie (Troop) Milbury	J. A. Crowley, Priest
" 20.	Ralph Eugene Milbury	25	Shipping Clerk	Ray River, N. S.	Wilbur and Louise (Woodman) Oliver	Wakefield, Mass
" 25.	Hattie Mae Oliver	27	At Home	Saco, Maine.	Frank M. and Car. ie (Morong) Wakefield	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman
" 26.	Howard E. Wakefield	21	Fireman	Colorado	Chas. R. and Elizabeth (Simpson) Adams	Wakefield, Mass
" 26.	Margaret May Adams	19	Weaver	Glasgow, Scotland.	Geo. W. and Belle V. (Hathaway) Clark	Wakefield, Mass
" 26.	Herbert Allen Clark	23	Mechanic	Plainfield, Mass.	Patrick and Margaret (Daley) McCall	Wakefield, Mass
Aug. 2.	Catherine Louise McCall	20	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Calvin P. and Caroline (Wright) Hatch	Wakefield, Mass
" 2.	George F. Hatch	25	Rattan Worker	Andover, Mass.	Thomas and Mary (Graney) Mullaney	Wakefield, Mass
" 2.	Nellie T. Mullaney	18	Laundry	Reading, Mass.	Wm. B. and Mary P. (Deadman) Jeffrey	Wakefield, Mass
" 2.	Perry Leon Jeffrey	19	Clerk	Reading, Mass.	Wm. B. and Maria S. (Long) Saunders	Wakefield, Mass
" 19.	Amy Rebecca Stunders	18	At Home	Bittered, Mass.	James M. and Abbie A. (Carter) MacKenzie	Wakefield, Mass
" 19.	Otis Grant MacKenzie	32	Machinist	Boston, Mass.	Richard N. and Abbie A. (Carter) MacKenzie	Wakefield, Mass
" 26.	Pearl Louise Dyer	24	Clerk	South Portland, Me.	Fred P. and Martha (McGregor) Dyer	Wakefield, Mass
" 30.	Elizabeth J. Bell	31	Box Maker	North Reading, Mass.	Wm. C. and Lucetta A. (Abbott) McIntire	Wakefield, Mass
" 30.	Frank Arthur Besson	31	Asst. Postmaster	Stonerville, Nova Scotia	Alexander and Ann (Goodwin) Bell	Wakefield, Mass
Sept 20.	Alice Bradford Rand	21	Postal Clerk	Lynn, Mass.	Charles F. and Mary F. (Lovejoy) Besson	Wakefield, Mass
" 26.	Horace J. Hatch	21	Laborer	Andover, Mass.	Charles F. and Mary F. (Costello) Rand	Wakefield, Mass
" 26.	Sarah White	28	Housekeeper	Reading, Mass.	Calvin P. and Caroline (Wright) Hatch	Wakefield, Mass
" 26.	Ennora Roscoe Day	23	Grocer	Reading, Mass.	Josiah and Mary (Doucette) White	Wakefield, Mass
Oct. 14.	Ennora Josephine Goodwin	25	Miller	Wakefield, Mass.	Arthur P. and Mary A. (Beard) Day	Wakefield, Mass
Oct. 14.	Lon B. Phillips	32	Clerk	Wilmington, Mass.	Michael P. and Mary A. (Foley) Godwin	Wakefield, Mass
Oct. 14.	Edgar Osman Dewey	25	Stenographer	Alexandria, N. H.	Ann and Sarah E. (Russell) Hall	Wakefield, Mass
" 20.	Bertha Ursula Brooks	23	Treasurer	Reading, Mass.	John P. and Mary A. (Foley) Phillips	Wakefield, Mass
" 20.	Ella M. Seaverns	23	At Home	Reading, Mass.	Edward O. and Elizabeth (Kemp) Dewey	Wakefield, Mass
" 20.	Ira A. Wheeler	23	Organ Pipe Maker	Scituate, Mass.	Edwin H. and Martha S. (Kemp) Brooks	Wakefield, Mass
" 28.	M. Alice Sollenberger	37	Erecting Engineer	Newville, Penn.	Alfred A. and Jennie E. (Ballard) Goodwin	Wakefield, Mass
" 28.	Walter K. Badger	24	Salesman	Reading, Mass.	Jacob W. and Annie M. (Wheeler) Stevens	Wakefield, Mass
" 28.	Millie E. Beunke	24	At Home	Cambridge, Mass.	Sam'l A. & Margaret (Randall) Sollenberger	Wakefield, Mass
					Henry B. and Clara A. (F. ayne) Badger	Wakefield, Mass
					Fred L. and Lizzie A. (Dodge) Beunke	Wakefield, Mass

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1903.

NAME OF BRIDE GROOM		AGE.	OCCUPATION.	BIRTHPLACE.	NAME OF PARENTS.		BY WHOM MARRIED
Nov. 4.	Jason W. Zwicker	37	Foreman	Bridgewater, N. S.	Daniel and Permelia (Craft) Zwicker	A. Judson Hughes, Minister of	
"	Lottie R. Haughn	27	Teacher	Bridgewater, N. S.	Zenas and Emeline (Weagle) Haughn	the Gospel, Boston	
" 18.	Alvert H. Playdon	29	Veterinarian	Bradford, England.	Alfred G. and Elizabeth (Williams) Playdon	A. E. White, Clergyman	
" 19.	Alice May Haley	22	Compositor	Cambridge, Mass.	Charles B. and Emma V. (Austin) Haley	Waltham, Mass	
" 25.	George Wales Kidlon	28	Motorman	Reading, Mass.	Alfred B. and Mary A. (Goodwin) Kidlon	Walter H. Rollins, Clergyman	
" 25.	Sarah Catherine Buck	50	Necktie Maker	Winnington, Mass.	J. Henry and Catherine P. (Warland) Buck	Wilmington, Mass	
" 25.	Charles H. Cox	41	Laundryman	Lynnfield, Mass.	Hubbard E. and Lydia P. (Spokesfield) Cox	H. D. Stevens, Unitarian Minister	
" 25.	Carrie J. Wright	31	Clerk	Lowell, Mass.	Beth J. and Mary A. (Laferly) Wright	Reading, Mass	
" 25.	Lizzie Myra Newton	27	Clerk	Portsmouth, N. H.	Edgar and Martha (Fottle) Newton	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	
" 25.	William Finlthy	24	Carpenter	Portsmouth, N. B.	Joseph A. and Clara N. (Stickney) Finlthy	Reading, Mass	
" 26.	Jessie Z. Little	19	Housework	Harcourt, N. B.	James and Margaret (Call) Little	Josiah H. Tilton, Clergyman	
" 26.	Arthur Walter Webster	25	Clerk	St. Louis, Missouri.	Walter A. and Ellen M. (Stiles) Webster	F. S. Hunnewell, Clergyman	
" 29.	Ruth Vining Kilby	32	At Home	Haverhill, Mass.	Archibald and Emma (Hobbrook) Kilby	Reading, Mass	
" 29.	Bartholomew J. Lehan	25	Merchant	Reading, Mass.	Dennis and Mary (Murray) Lehan	Wm. T. O'Connor, Asst. Rector	
" 29.	Margaret T. Connelly	25	Cloth Inspector	Lawrence, Mass.	John and Mary (Monahan) Connelly	Wakefield, Mass	
Dec. 5.	John Carlson	32	Farmer	Wedum, Sweden.	Carl and Helena Anderson	C. F. Johansson, Clergyman	
" 16.	Hanna Persson	28	Housework	Ryda, Sweden.	Per Jacobson and Maja S. Andriason	Boston, Mass	
" 16.	Albert F. Tucker	24	Bookkeeper	Lawrence, Mass.	Horace G. and Mary A. (Tyler) Tucker	Burke F. Leavitt, Minister of the	
" 18.	Elia Maud Webster	24	At Home	Danvers, Mass.	Francis A. and Sarah L. (Baker) Webster	Gospel, Melrose, Mass	
" 18.	Joseph Evans	39	Teamster	Boston, Mass.	Joseph and Elizabeth (Jordan) Evans	Loren A. Cleverger, Minister of	
" 26.	Rebecca Kane	35	Housework	Boston, Mass.	John and Mary (Quigg) Kane	the Gospel, Boston, Mass	
" 26.	Benjamin F. Manning	26	Nurseryman	Reading, Mass.	Jacob W. and Lydia B. (Chandler) Manning	Charles H. Moss, Baptist Minis-	
" 31.	Evelyn A. Chase	21	Operator	Waukegan, Conn.	Vernon and Jennie F. (Newton) Chase	ter, Malden, Mass	
" 31.	Maneul Santos	24	Conductor	Portugal.	Theodore and Mary A. (DeZevard) Santos	Ralph Gillan, Clergyman	
" 31.	Annie Rosamond Tyler	26	At Home	Wakefield, Mass.	John H. and Mary C. (Peabody) Tyler	Lowell, Mass	

Whole number marriages, 57; Nativity of persons married, born in United States, 88; Males, 44; Females, 44; Foreign born, 26; Males, 13; Females, 13.



DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1903.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	NAME OF PARENTS OR HUSBAND.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
Jan. 4	Mary S. F. Temple	96	Aaron and Hannah P. (Greenwood) Pierce	Carcinoma of Stomach
" 4	Eliza M. Brown	80	Enoch and Eliza (Pierce) Brown	Pneumonia
" 8	Emily M. Sawyer	54	Ephraim and Caroline M. (Goddell) West	Apoplexy
" 9	Ellen Louise Wall	11	John T. and Selia M. (Kane) Wall	
" 11	— Gaw	—	Robert and Elizabeth (Klinear) Gaw	
" 11	Edith May White	—	Lizzie White	Malnutrition
" 12	Benjamin Lewis White	9	Edward J. and Annie S. White	Capillary Bronchitis
" 12	Margaret Nealand	3	James Nealand	Apoplexy
" 13	Fanny Nichols	74	John and Anna (Damon) Nichols	Carcinoma
" 14	Thomas Jeffrey	79	John and Eleanor (Pringle) Jeffrey	Bronchitis
" 16	Clumena Wakefield	85	Caleb and Nancy (Temple) Wakefield	Destructive Jaundice
" 16	Fred A. Nason	17	James and A. E. (Edgecomb) Nason	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 17	Mary S. Kelley	38	Timothy and Ellen (Paterson) Leary	Phthisis Pulmonalis
" 18	Mary S. Shepard	32	Daniel and Saline (Holl) Richardson	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 27	Sauntha A. Kittredge	24	Saunel and Silvie (Hall) Richardson	Pneumonia
" 30	John De Ronde	77	Martin and Elizabeth (Hagman) DeRonde	Cardiac disease
" 31	Helen Mitchell Abbott	63	George E. and Albia (Currier) Mitchell	Phthisis
Feb. 1	James R. Robertson	39	John B. and Grace (Lynn) Robertson	Diabetes Mellitus
" 14	David C. Temple	31	William and Maria (Goggin) Temple	Valvular Disease of the Heart
" 15	Henry F. Parker	89	Aaron and Rebekah (Bierhoff) Parker	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 17	Julia Doucette	25	Peter and Elizabeth (Coyran) Froton	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 21	Hannah C. Cochrane	77	John and Hannah (Melendy) Cook	Broncho Pneumonia
" 28	Sarah A. Charles	47	Willard S. Charles	Acute Bright's Disease
Mar. 1	Hannah C. Clark	68	Shirley and Hannah (Roberts) Chadbourne	Carcinoma of Neck
" 13	Laura Dennis Carr	4	Charles and Margaret (Suettrie) Carr	Meningitis
" 21	Jason W. Richardson	51	James and Caroline M. (Cutting) Richardson	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 22	Lucretia R. Goggin	95	George W. and Susan (Pierce) Reed	Old Age
" 25	Mary Whelton	85	George W. and Susan (Pierce) Reed	Valvular Disease of the Heart
" 29	John E. Morrison	1	George W. and Susan (Pierce) Reed	Unknown
" 30	Edward Fay	12	William H. and Mary A. (King) Morrison	R. K. Accident
" 31	Alice V. Hodson	1	Thos. F. & Elizabeth (Ridges) Pendergrace	Tuberculosis of Abdomen
Apr. 8	Joseph Hibbert	27	Michael and Della (McGrath) Fay	Chronic Nervous Prostration
" 12	Clarence O. Poland	84	Alexander and Eliza (Cleaves) Hodson	Old Age and Gangrene
" 14	Waty A. Swift	84	Joseph and Sarah (Parkhurst) Hibbert	Cardiac Dilation
" 14	Elizabeth Sawyer	82	Osburn and Sarah (F. Lamond) Poland	Old Age
" 19	John Answorth	77	Azel and Lucinda (Hopkins) Rounds	La Grippe
" 27	— Peterson	11	Aaron and Asenath (Carsley) Brigham	Pernicious Anemia
May 14	Ozro C. Clark	70	Peter and Mary A. (Lucy) Answorth	Congenital
" 23	Josephine L. Harrow	51	Arthur and Emily (Munn) Peterson	Valvular Disease of Heart
June 6	Bridget Duran	51	Nathaniel and Abigail Clark	Pneumonia
" 9	Louisa M. Janes	81	Thomas and Elizabeth (Weir) Hebron	Pneumonia
			Patrick and Catherine (Flaherty) Connelly	Cancer of Stomach
			Albert Janes	

June 27	Isaiah H. Horton	67	7	13	Isaiah H. and Rebecca (Higgins) Horton	Apoplexy
" 30	Theophilus D. Ling	49	10	25	Henry and Margaret Ling	Chronic Nephritis
July 2	William E. Eaton	67	6	0	Warren and Sarah (Abbott) Eaton	Syphilis
" 9	William F. O'Brien	26	7	13	Jarvis and Mary (Dulan) O'Brien	Typhoid Fever
" 10	Sarah R. Peabody	78	3	8	Bonjamin Peabody	Gastritis
" 12	Susan Alice Dugan	54	2	0	Charles W. Milbrey	Cancer of Liver
" 13	Sarah M. Milbrey	91	6	22	William and Sarah (Hassan) Dow	Pneumonia
" 23	Stillson H. Dow	71	6	30	William and Lydia (Tutnam) Richardson	Erysipelas
" 27	David G. Richardson	75	3	27	Edward and Eliza (Street) Fisher	Paralysis Agitans
Aug. 9	Charles S. Fisher	35	8	1	Arthur H. and Lydia M. (Hardy) Jewett	Phthisis
" 13	Elizabeth Herrick Jewett	5	1	28	Frank F. and Rachel L. (DeGrasse) Strout	Typhoid Fever
" 17	Charles Frederick Strout	52	5	3	Ephraim G. and Sarah J. A. (Clark) Wallace	Convulsions
" 24	Alberto B. Wallace	57	11	28	Stephen C. and Lois (Hewes) Thurlow	Tumors of Brain
" 25	Otis L. Thurlow	49	8	0	Richard Skinner and unknown	Lung Tuberculosis
" 28	George E. Skinner	87	6	12	William H. Porter	Hypothetical Alcoholism
" 28	Elizabeth Howard Porter	69	0	0	George A. W. Vinal	Gastritis
" 28	Harriet B. Vinal	—	—	—	Mary O'Brien	Endocarditis
Sept. 3	Joseph R. Morton	74	5	7	John and Salome (Farrar) Morton	Debility
" 8	Nancy O. Nichols	80	5	13	Daniel Nichols	Myocarditis
" 12	John McGarry	42	—	—	Arthur and Catherine (Garwin) McGarry	Mitral Insufficiency
" 19	William John Fliccroft	27	4	27	John E. and Anne (Sharp) Fliccroft	Myocarditis
Oct. 3	F. Helen Williams	53	6	26	Micah and Phoebe (Richardson) Williams	Drowning, Accidental
" 16	Daniel J. O'Leary	34	—	—	Patrick and Mary (O'Neill) O'Leary	Apoplexy
" 20	Louisa M. Deland	80	—	—	John H. Deland	Phthisis
" 24	Mary E. Freeman	67	7	5	Henry Freeman	Gastro Enterito
" 25	Helen Beatrice Uram	21	4	12	Henry E. and Elizabeth (Batchelder) Uram	Tubercular Laryngitis
" 5	Susan R. Lovejoy	72	3	0	J. Gilman Lovejoy	Gastric Hemorrhage
" 6	Harriet Fultz	74	3	0	Augustus Fultz	Unknown
" 11	Jeremiah G. Sargent	83	0	21	George and Sarah (Barbank) Sargent	Apoplexy
Dec. 1	Nathaniel W. Broad	70	2	22	Wilder and Elvira W. (Shepard) Broad	R. K. Accident
" 2	F. Jane Austin	79	7	8	Harris Austin	Myocarditis
" 4	Manel G. Borthwick	69	11	27	Win. and Henrietta (Skidmore) Borthwick	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 5	Sarah A. Young	30	2	16	Andrew Young	Capillary Bronchitis
" 6	Elena Mary Testa	46	6	16	Joseph Testa	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 8	Ida M. Gillam	78	—	—	Ernest M. Gillam	Chronic Tuberculosis
" 8	Elvira A. F. Clogston	81	5	7	J. S. Clogston	Pneumonia
" 28	John G. Hutchinson	1	6	17	Hezekiah and Rachel (Gould) Hutchinson	Apoplexy
" 28	Edith E. Sylvester	—	—	—	Fred L. and Addie M. (Kamcroft) Sylvester	General Paresis
						Capillary Bronchitis

Whole number of deaths, 81; Males, 37; Females, 44; Born in United States, Males, 28; Females, 37; Foreign Born, Males, 9; Females, 7.

DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR 1903

Whole number of licenses issued	261
234 Males at \$2.00	\$468 00
26 Females at \$5.00	130 00
1 Kennel license	25 00
Total receipts	\$623 00
Less fees for 261 licenses at 20c. each	52 20
	<u>\$570 80</u>
June 1, 1903, paid County Treasurer	\$275 40
Dec. 1, 1903, paid County Treasurer	295 40
Total paid	<u>\$570 80</u>
Number of dogs as returned by the Assessor to Town Clerk, 280	
Males	251
Females	29
	<u>280</u>
Number of dogs licensed by me not returned by Assessors, 17	
Males	15
Females	2
	<u>17</u>
Total dogs reported by Assessors	270
Extra dogs reported Town Clerk	17
Total dogs reported for license	<u>287</u>

No. of dogs reported of this number as dead or left town	25
Total that should be licensed	262
Total licensed	260
Unlicensed	2

More dogs have been licensed during the past year than ever before and with the co-operation of the Police there is no reason why every dog in town should not either be licensed or killed.

The number of dogs licensed in Reading the following years are as follows :

1890, 211	1897, 186
1891, 158	1898, 194
1892, 171	1899, 167
1893, 203	1900, 207
1894, 227	1901, 193
1895, 218	1902, 248
1896, 207	1903, 261

Since 1890 the following amounts have been paid by the Town Clerk to the County Treasurer, and the second column shows the amount received by Town for the use of Public Library :

YEAR	PAID C. TREAS.	REC'D BY LIBRARY
1890	\$336.60	\$305.35
1891	357.60	309.66
1892	393.00	None
1893	434.40	361.56
1894	492.60	408.34
1895	467.40	475.36
1896	453.60	444.03
1897	415.80	430.92
1898	424.20	399.17

1899	363.60	402.99
1900	441.60	349.20
1901	452.40	464.52
1902	547.40	401.28

MILLARD F. CHARLES,

Town Clerk.

December 31st, 1903.

TOWN MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 1903

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 2D, 1903

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

The following election officers were duly appointed and sworn :
Ballot Clerks, Charles W. Lee and Wm. H. Perkins; Tellers, Waldo F. Eaton, James C. Nichols, Frank E. Hutchins, Frank A. Bessom, Henry M. Donegan, Joseph S. Robinson, Chester McDougall, Walter F. Cook, John Connelly, Daniel T. Bickford, Horace E. Eames. Ballot Box was duly inspected and found empty and registered (0000.) Ballots were turned over to Ballot Clerks, they receipting therefor, and polls were duly opened to receive ballots at 6.15 A. M.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Sewerage Committee, Finance Committee, Tree Warden and Special Committees.

Voted that Art. 2 be laid on table.

Art. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Asses-

sors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, one Trustee of Laurel Hill Cemetery to fill unexpired term of the late Edward F. Brooks, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors, and Tree Warden for one year; also on same ballot Yes or No in answer to the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Voted that the Polls be closed at 4.45 o'clock P. M.

Voted that the regular Town business in the Warrant be postponed till seven o'clock P. M.

The Polls were duly closed at 4.45 P. M.

The Ballot Box registered as having voted	.	2225
The Ballot Clerks reported Names checked	.	794
The Tellers reported Names checked	.	794
(774 Men and 20 Women.)		

The Ballot Box therefore registered Blanks	.	1431
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The Ballots were sorted and counted in open Town Meeting with the following result:

TOWN CLERK

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	.	.	.	557
Alfred W. Danforth, 25 Woburn st.	.	.	.	1
Blanks	.	.	.	216

SELECTMEN

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	.	.	.	421
Elmer P. Crooker, 51 Prescott st.	.	.	.	260
James Warren Killam, 16 Arlington st.	.	.	.	488

A. Chandler Manning, 128 High st.	.	.	.	370
William I. Ruggles, 23 Grand st.	.	.	.	512
Blanks	.	.	.	271

OVERSEERS OF POOR

Oliver L. Akerley, 65 Woburn st.	.	.	.	414
Elmer P. Crooker, 51 Prescott st.	.	.	.	255
James Warren Killam, 16 Arlington st.	.	.	.	480
A. Chandler Manning, 128 High st.	.	.	.	350
William I. Ruggles, 23 Grand st.	.	.	.	485
Blanks	.	.	.	338

ASSESSOR FOR THREE YEARS

George E. Horrocks, 212 Main st.	.	.	.	158
Benjamin Y. Smith, 92 John st.	.	.	.	209
Herbert M. Viall, 88 Prospect st.	.	.	.	335
S. G. Stewart, Bancroft ave.	.	.	.	1
Blanks	.	.	.	71

TREASURER

Edward F. Parker, 3 Salem st.	.	.	.	590
Samuel Brown	.	.	.	1
Blanks	.	.	.	183

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Herbert M. Viall, 88 Prospect st.	.	.	.	624
George Buck	.	.	.	2
Blanks	.	.	.	148

BOARD OF HEALTH THREE YEARS

Calvert H. Playdon, Salem st.	.	.	.	588
Blanks	.	.	.	186

CONSTABLES

Frederic D. Merrill, 27 Highland st.	505
John H. Orr, 31 Village st.	380
Henry Stock, Pearl st.	356
Albert J. Francis, Woburn st.	1
B. J. Lehan, Temple st.	1
W. H. Manning, Green st.	1
Blanks	304

WATER COMMISSIONER FOR THREE YEARS

Joseph S. Robinson, 84 Oak st.	226
George A. Shackford, 118 Ash st.	460
Blanks	88

MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD FOR THREE YEARS

William S. Kinsley, Main st.	455
John V. Young, 86 Woburn st.	217
Blanks	102

TWO TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY FOR THREE YEARS

Alfred W. Danforth, 25 Woburn st.	559
Henry T. Leavis, 164 Main st.	518
Blanks	471

VACANCY TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY ONE YEAR

Frank L. Edgerley, 17 Grove st.	589
George E. Pierce, Haven st.	2
Blanks	183

TRUSTEES PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR THREE YEARS

Henry G. Kittredge, Cor. Prospect and King st.	541
Harley Prentiss, 44 Linden st.	533
Blanks	473

TWO SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THREE YEARS

Elizabeth H. Brown, 83 Prospect st.	588
Gilman L. Parker, 64 Washington st.	559
Samuel Brown	1
Blanks	440

THREE AUDITORS

George H. Clough, 60 Lowell st.	549
Albert P. Dane, 16 Mineral st.	554
Edgar N. Hunt, 125 Summer ave.	555
Blanks	664

TREE WARDEN

A. Chandler Manning, 128 High st.	599
Webster Berry	1
Blanks	174

SHALL LICENSES BE GRANTED FOR THE SALE OF INTOXICATING
LIQUORS IN THIS TOWN?

Yes	153
No	465
Blanks	156

Meeting for Town Business was called to order pursuant to vote at 7 o'clock P. M.

Art. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Voted to authorize Selectmen to appoint Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act as Fence Viewers.

Voted that Asa Parker, Willard A. Bancroft and John Stock serve as Field Drivers.

Voted that John H. Orr serve as Pound Keeper for the ensuing year.

Voted that the following persons serve as Surveyors of Lumber: James A. Bancroft, Samuel Brown, Ora L. Milbury, Wendell Bancroft, Burton K. Symonds, Joseph W. Killam.

Voted that the Selectmen be and are hereby instructed to request the Boston & Maine R. R. Co. to discontinue the services of the gateman in the tower at the Main and Ash street crossings of their road and place a gateman on the ground at each of the above named crossings.

Voted that the Selectmen be empowered to settle the matter of claims of Alfred Perkins and Smith P. Burton, Jr., with full power.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee of five citizens to report a general plan for expenditure of the Highway Appropriation.

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Report of Committee on Taxation was read and their recommendation adopted, which follows:

First. We recommend that the Selectmen procure estimates of the cost of the survey and maps of the Town required to introduce the so-called Block or District system of assessing and report the same for action by the Town at the earliest possible date, together with a plan for distributing the cost of such survey and maps over a series of years, if they deem this advisable.

Second. We recommend that the question of finding the existing debt be referred to a committee with instructions to con-

sider the possibility of re-arranging or re-distributing the amounts to be paid annually so as to reduce annual payments, and if this is found possible, the course to be pursued with reference thereto.

A. N. HOWES, Chairman.

H. G. WADLIN, Secretary.

ALDEN BATCHELDER.

H. H. HOWARD.

A. H. JEWETT.

Voted that the report of the Committee on Taxation, together with their recommendations, be printed in The Reading Chronicle at price of composition, by a rising vote. 113 voted yea and 3 voted nay.

Voted that the Committee recommended by Committee on Taxation consist of five and be appointed by the Moderator.

The Moderator appointed the following names on the Committee: A. Newell Howes, Horace G. Wadlin, Henry H. Howard, Arthur H. Jewett, Alden Batchelder.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 5. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters, Repairs of Concrete, for the Committee on Sewerage, Miscellaneous Expenses and Tree Warden.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate for regular School Expenses	\$22,500 00
Voted that the Town raise and appropriate for Inci- dental School Expenses	3,500 00
Voted that the Town raise and appropriate for High- ways, Bridges and Sidewalks	3,000 00
Voted that the Town raise and appropriate for Re- moving Snow and Ice for fiscal year	500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half)	200 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for support of the Fire Department for fiscal year	3,600 00
Voted to appropriate from available assets for use of the Fire Department for a Field Day	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Forest Firewards for present fiscal year	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Support of Poor for the present fiscal year	4,000 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Salaries of Town Officers for the present fiscal year	3,500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' State and Military Aid for the present fiscal year	2,800 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Soldiers' Relief for the present fiscal year	1,500 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Printing the pres- ent fiscal year	750 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Abatement of Tax- es the present fiscal year	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Town Building and Town Office Expenses for the present fiscal year	300 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for care of Cemetery (And appropriate the receipts from sale of lots and the unexpended balance of interest on fund for care of lots for the present fiscal year.)	900 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for support of Public Library (And to appropriate the receipts of the Dog Tax for the present fiscal year.)	900 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day to be expended by Post 194, G. A. R.	175 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Board of Health for the present fiscal year	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for care of the Old South Church Clock for the present fiscal year	50 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Interest the pres- ent fiscal year	600 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for care and improve- ment of the Common, Mayall and Elm Parks for the present fiscal year	150 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Election Expenses for the present fiscal year	300 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Concrete Gutters, Cross Walks and Paved Gutters the present fis- cal year	250 00
Voted to raise and appropriate for Repairs of Con- crete the present fiscal year	300 00
Voted that the part of Art. 5 calling for an appropria- tion for Sewers be indefinitely postponed.	
Voted to raise and appropriate for Miscellaneous Ex- penses for the present fiscal year	1,000 00

Voted to raise and appropriate for general expenses
of the Tree Warden the present fiscal year . 200 00

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two hundred and eighty dollars for the purpose of maintaining one hundred and thirty-eight arc lights at sixty dollars per light, and appropriate the same together with receipts of Plant for maintenance and interest accounts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1903, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. Voted that there be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of 138 arc lights at \$60 per light, and appropriate the receipts of the plant for maintenance and interest accounts of Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1903, \$8,280.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars and appropriate the unexpended balance of the year 1902 for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year ending December 31st, 1903, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. Voted that \$3,000 be raised and appropriated and the unexpended balance of 1902 be appropriated for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1903.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light at the corner of Haverhill and Wakefield sts., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to Board of Electric Light Commissioners.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to install two alternating arc lamps in the centre of the town, and eighty dollars for maintaining same

from midnight until daylight, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on South st. between the residences of Wm. Horatio Clarke and Joseph Marshall, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 11. To see what instructions the Town will give the Water Commissioners in regard to the claim for damages made by C. J. Norwood of Hamilton, Mass.

Art. 11. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Water Commissioners with full powers.

Art. 12. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan and maintenance of water works.

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate for Service Pipes of the Water Plant for the present fiscal year, \$1,000.

Voted to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rentals, \$4,890.

Voted to raise and appropriate for water for Drinking Fountains, \$300.

Voted to raise and appropriate for water for Street Sprinkling, \$500.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$600, and the above amounts for Hydrants, Drinking Fountains, for Street Sprinkling, and \$2,440 be appropriated for Interest on Water Loans.

Voted that there be appropriated from receipts of Water Plant for maintenance the present fiscal year, \$7,000.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Com-

missioners to lay water pipes on Village st. from Green to Washington st., and on Washington st. from Village st. to a point near Elliott st., and authorize the issue of bonds to pay for same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 13. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the laying of a connecting water main from West st. near the Woburn line through South st. to a point near Walnut st., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 14. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Voted that for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan, to and for the use of the Town of Reading in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year, the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time with the approval of a majority of the Board of Selectmen, a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate \$86,000, and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the time the loan is made. Any debt or debts incurred by a loan or loans to the town under this vote shall be paid from the said taxes of the present municipal year.

Art. 16. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 16. Voted that the compensation of the Collector of Taxes be 3-4 of one per cent. on all taxes collected during the fiscal year.

Art. 17. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 17. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be instructed to fill all vacancies in Finance Committee for the present year 1903.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate for electricity for G. A. R. Hall, Haven st., for the present fiscal year, \$50.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate for electricity for Reading Home for Aged Women for present fiscal year, \$50.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 20. Voted that there be raised and appropriated for water for Reading Home for Aged Women the present fiscal year, \$25.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate to pay interest on School House Bonds due the present fiscal year, \$1,320.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents to meet the interest on School House notes.

Art. 22. Voted that there be raised and appropriated to pay interest on School House notes due present fiscal year, \$312.50.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet pay-

ment of Electric Light and Power Plant note for fourteen hundred dollars due May 1, 1903.

Art. 23. Voted that for the purpose of paying the Electric Light and Power Plant note for \$1,400, due May 1, 1903, the Town Treasurer under direction of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,400 and issue the note of the Town therefor bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable within a period of 10 years.

39 voted in favor, none opposed.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Haven street paving note for one thousand dollars due November 27, 1903.

Art. 24. Voted that for the purpose of paying the Haven street paving note for \$1,000 due Nov. 27, 1903, the Town Treasurer under the direction of the Selectmen be authorized to borrow the sum of \$1,000, and issue the note of the Town therefor bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable within a period of 10 years.

45 voted in favor, none opposed.

Art. 25. To see what instructions the Town will give to the Selectmen in the suit of Charles G. Tucker, administrator of the estate of Charles G. Tucker, Jr., vs. Town of Reading and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company jointly.

Art. 25. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Selectmen with full power.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will accept the offer of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to give twelve thousand five hundred dollars for the erection of a Public Library building in Reading upon condition that the Town will provide a suitable site therefor and agree to raise and appropriate annually at least one thousand two hundred

and fifty dollars for the maintenance of a Public Library thereon; and to see what further action, if any, they will take in relation thereto.

Art. 26. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Trustees of the Public Library, with instructions to consider the same and to report their conclusions at a future Town Meeting, and in connection therewith the said Trustees may, if they see fit, procure preliminary sketch drawings or otherwise determine whether or not it is possible to obtain adequate accommodations for the library within the amount named in Mr. Andrew Carnegie's offer.

Art. 4. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to arrange for sprinkling the streets for the ensuing year and that funds be taken from Highway Appropriation.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint an Inspector of Wires.

Voted to lay Art. 4 on the table.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will purchase the estate of Oliver W. Austin on the corner of Harnden and Pleasant sts. for the use of the several departments of the Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will remodel the present Town Building on Pleasant st. for the exclusive use of the several departments of the Town and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to erect a Fire Department building on land of the Town east of the Town Building on Pleasant st., and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will take some action whereby the officers of the different departments of the Town may be concentrated, and a saving in expense thereby be brought about, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27, 28, 29, 30, voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to place Tower Strikers in houses of Hose No. 3 and No. 4, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. Moved to raise \$500 for Tower Strikers in Hose Houses No. 3 and No. 4. Not carried; ayes 51, no 76.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase a Storage Battery for the Fire Alarm System, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. Voted to raise and appropriate for a Storage Battery for the Fire Alarm System, if the cost exceeds this the balance to be taken from regular appropriation for the Fire Department, \$700.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to establish a Fire Alarm Box at the junction of Green and Village streets, and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to establish a Fire Alarm Box at the junction of Green and Village streets.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of setting edgestones around the south-westerly part of the Common where the drinking fountain now stands, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose of setting edgestones around

the south-westerly part of the Common where the drinking fountain now stands.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to have the car tracks paved from Summer Avenue to West street, and from opposite Linden street to the foot of Haven street, or what action will the Town take in relation thereto.

Art. 35. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to enforce the franchise of Woburn and Reading Electric Street Railroad.

Voted to adjourn to meet in this hall at 7.30 P. M. Tuesday, March 3rd, 1903.

READING, MARCH 3, 1903, ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Met at time and place specified and was called to order by Moderator.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Voted, to reconsider the vote whereby it was voted to accept report of Committee on Town Taxes and adopt their recommendations.

Voted, that as the information relating to the local taxation of the poles and wires of Telephone and Telegraph Co's. was furnished the Committee under a misconception, to strike said reference from their report.

Voted, to accept report as amended and adopt recommendations.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 4. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that the Collector of Taxes be instructed to collect all taxes (so far as possible) on or before Oct. 1, 1903, and upon all

taxes unpaid at that time to add interest at six per cent. from said date until paid, and also to collect all taxes unpaid January 1st forthwith by process of law unless delinquents procure an order from the Selectmen releasing them from immediate payment.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to compel the Electric R. R. and Electric Light Companies to insulate all wires belonging to them that are within twelve inches of any limb or branch of a tree with efficient insulators.

Voted signs for avenues or paths in the Cemetery be left with Trustees of Cemetery.

Voted that the Selectmen and Supt. of Streets be instructed to give a reasonable preference in the work on Highways and Watering Cart to horses employed by the Fire Department.

Art. 4. Voted to lay on the table.

Voted to reconsider vote whereby Art. 30 was indefinitely postponed.

Voted that Article 30 be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator to consider and get the necessary legislation for a Board of Public Works. The following were appointed on this committee: Jacob Mitchell, Charles H. Nowell, James W. Grimes, James H. Carleton, Millard F. Charles.

Art. 36. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to construct a sidewalk on the southerly side of Auburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Selectmen.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for the purpose of building a sidewalk on Oak st., from West st. to the estate of Joseph S. Robinson, and for removing bushes on the north side of said street from West

street to the estate of Charles B. Eames, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 37. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of raising the grade of the sidewalk at the corner of Haven and Chute sts., or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to the Board of Selectmen.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two thousand dollars or a sufficient sum for the purchase of a portable stone crusher, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 39. Voted that this article be indefinitely postponed.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will purchase land for a Public Playground, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 45. Voted to consider this article.

Voted to lay article on the table.

Art. 2. Voted to take from the table.

Committee on Playground made a verbal report.

Voted that report of Committee on Playground be accepted.

Art. 2. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 45. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that the Town acquire for the purpose of a playground at an expense not exceeding \$9,000, land of Messrs. Pratt and Claggett together with the so-called Dewey lots with frontage on Summer avenue, substantially in accordance with the report of the Committee on Playground submitted at the meeting and to do everything necessary to secure a conveyance of said land to the

Town in accordance with this vote, in such parcels and to such an extent as regards aggregate acreage as they may deem wise within the limit of expenditure hereinbefore fixed. And for the purpose of paying for the land acquired under this vote the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue under the direction of the Selectmen the notes of the Town to such an amount as may be required, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of \$9,000, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, and payable at such times and in such amounts as will extinguish the entire debt hereby created within a period of 30 years.

Carried by 108 yeas to 4 nays.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to close up the highway, crossing the Common from Woburn to Union streets, and make such alterations at the extreme south end of the Common as will seem to them to best accord with public convenience without injury to the Common.

Art. 40. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 41. To see what action the Town will take toward securing sewerage for the center of the Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. Voted to refer subject matter of this article to Committee on Sewerage.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate sixty-five dollars, or a sufficient sum to purchase an apparatus for spraying trees, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 42. Voted that there be raised and appropriated for Tree Sprayer, \$65.

Art. 43. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to widen and deepen the open drain from the easterly end of King street to Woburn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build an inlet in the ditch on both sides of Green st. and pipe said ditch from the southerly side of said Green st. to Mr. D. F. Whelton's stable, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43, 44. Voted that the subject matter of these articles be referred to Board of Selectmen.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will take any action in relation to the observance of Old Home Week during the current year, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 46. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to Board of Selectmen.

Art. 47. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four hundred dollars for the maintenance of the Police Department for the year ensuing, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 47. Voted to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the Police Department the present fiscal year, \$2,600.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a day patrolman, or what action they will take in relation thereto.

Art. 48. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 49. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant licenses for the collection and sale of old junk and paper stock, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 49. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to Board of Selectmen.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred dollars for the purpose of employing as Superintendent of Schools one who shall devote all his time to the schools of Reading, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 50. Voted to pass over.

Art. 51. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint an Inspector of Milk, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 51. Voted that the subject matter of this article be referred to Board of Selectmen.

Art. 52. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 103 of the Revised Laws in regard to the supervision of plumbing, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate and report whether the cost of maintaining the Town Home can be reduced, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 52, 53. Voted to pass over.

Art. 54. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of the extension of Prospect st. from Scotland Road to Oak st., and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 54. Report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Prospect street extension from Scotland Road to Oak street:

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for the use of the Town as a public way described as follows:

Beginning on the southerly side of Scotland Road at a stake at lot 29 on a plan of house lots of Bailey and Heath, then the line runs south $15^{\circ} 15'$ east along lands of said Heath and others across Ellis avenue 724 3-10 feet to the northerly side of Oak street, said line is the westerly line, the easterly line is parallel to and 45 feet distant at right angles from the westerly line and runs from Scotland Road to Oak street. The above description is intended to conform to the lines shown in red on a plan of the same made by James A. Bancroft, dated Feb. 13, 1903, which is to be considered

a part of this report. The grade of said way is shown by the red line on a profile accompanying said plan. We have estimated the cost of building said Town way \$50. No damages being claimed we have allowed none.

That any action taken by the Town in the building of the same be taken under the provisions of law, authorizing the assessment of betterments, we would recommend that the said way be named Prospect Street Extension and when the report is accepted and adopted by the Town the said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town way.

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,	}	Selectmen
WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,		of
JOHN F. TURNER,		Reading.

Reading, Mass., Feb. 14, 1903.

Voted to accept Selectmen's report on Prospect Street Extension and adopt their recommendations, and that \$50 be appropriated for same from appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 55. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Sigsbee ave., from Howard st. to Scotland Road, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars for that purpose.

Art. 55. Report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Sigsbee avenue from Howard street to Scotland Road.

We, the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, after giving due notice to all parties interested, have laid out for use of the Town as a public way, described as follows: Beginning on the southerly side of Howard street at a stake at lot 24, Section A, on a plan of house lots of Messrs. Bailey & Heath, then the line runs south $11^{\circ} 28'$ east along land of said Heath 275 feet to the northerly side of Scotland Road. Said way is 40 feet wide and is

laid on the easterly side of the above described line. The above description is intended to conform to the lines shown in red on a plan of the same made by James A. Bancroft dated Feb. 13, 1903, which is to be considered a part of this report. The grade of said way is shown by the red line on a profile accompanying said plan. We have estimated the cost of building said Town way at \$25. No damages being claimed we have allowed none. That any action taken by the Town in the building of the same be taken under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, we would recommend that the said way be named Sigsbee avenue and when the above report is accepted and adopted by the Town the said way shall thereafter be known as a public Town way.

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,	} Selectmen of Reading.
WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,	
JOHN F. TURNER,	

Reading, Mass., Feb. 21, 1903.

Voted to accept report of Selectmen on Sigsbee avenue and adopt their recommendations, and that \$25 be appropriated from regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks.

Art. 56. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of thirty dollars for the repairs of the same.

Art. 56. Report of Selectmen on Guide Posts.

Guide Posts or suitable substitutes therefor are erected and maintained at the following locations, viz :

- Corner Summer Ave. and Main St.
- “ Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
- “ Walnut St. and South St.
- “ West St. and Woburn St.
- “ West St. and Summer Ave.
- “ Woburn St. and Summer Ave.

- Corner Main St. and Ash St.
 “ Main St. and Washington St.
 “ Main St. and Pleasant St.
 “ Pleasant St. and Parker St.
 “ Village St. and Haven St.
 “ Main St. and Harnden St.
 “ Main St. and Salem St.
 “ Woburn St. and Lowell St.
 “ Lowell St. and Salem St.
 “ Salem St. and Harnden St.
 “ Main St. and Charles St.
 “ Main St. and Pearl St.
 “ Main St. and Franklin St.
 “ Franklin St. and Grove St.
 “ Mill St. and Short St.
 “ Franklin St. and Haverhill St.
 “ Haverhill St. and Charles St.
 “ Haverhill St. and Pine St.
 “ Pine St. and Salem St.
 “ Pearl St. and Charles St.
 “ Lowell St. and Wilson St.
 “ Lowell St. and High St.
 “ Lowell St. and Middlesex Ave.

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,	}	Selectmen of Reading.
WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,		
JOHN F. TURNER,		

Reading, Mass., Feb. 21, 1903.

Voted that the report of Selectmen on Guide Posts be accepted and their recommendations adopted and that \$30 be appro-

priated from regular appropriation for Highways, Bridges and Side-walks for Guide Posts for the present fiscal year.

Art. 57. The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons who in their judgment are qualified to serve as jurors :

Adams, George E.	. . . . .	Clerk
Bancroft, Frederick	. . . . .	Broker
Batchelder, Alden	. . . . .	Retired
Batchelder, Howard W.	. . . . .	Farmer
Batcheller, Warren A.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Beaudry, Charles B.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Maker
Bessom, Charles F.	. . . . .	Farmer
Bosson, Harry P.	. . . . .	Insurance Agent
Brown, Samuel	. . . . .	Wheelwright
Brown, Joseph H.	. . . . .	Laborer
Canty, Daniel T.	. . . . .	Cabinet Maker
Carter, George	. . . . .	Laborer
Chandler, Alfred D.	. . . . .	Real Estate
Chase, John E.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Connelly, John	. . . . .	R. R. Employee
Cook, George W.	. . . . .	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	. . . . .	Painter
Davis, Arthur E.	. . . . .	R. R. Employee
Eames, George T.	. . . . .	Real Estate
Eames, Leonard T.	. . . . .	Electrician
Eaton, John H.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Eaton, Waldo F.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Maker
Emerson, Arthur G.	. . . . .	Superintendent
Flint, George L.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Foster, Arthur J.	. . . . .	Farmer
Goodwin, Edwin H.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Mfr.
Grimes, John H.	. . . . .	Salesman

Howard, Luther G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Real Estate
Hunt, Edgar N.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Bookkeeper
Jackson, Charles S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Organ Pipe Mfr.
Jones, William H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Kidder, William	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Kimball, Charles D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Knight, Edgar M.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Mfr.
Krook, Matthys H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Mfr.
La Clair, Henry S.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Lee, Charles W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Merchant
MacDougall, Chester W.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Plumber
McCrum, David	.	.	.	.	.	.	Machinist
McIntire, Herbert E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Mack, George	.	.	.	.	.	.	Upholsterer
Manning, Edwin	.	.	.	.	.	.	Clerk
Merrill, Clarence E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	R. R. Conductor
Nichols, Amos C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Caterer
Oakes, George F.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Engineer
Perkins, Alfred	.	.	.	.	.	.	Retired
Parker, Asa	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Parker, Fred H.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Expressman
Parker, Horace A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Cabinet Maker
Pratt, Wilmot K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer
Prichard, Augustus D.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Farmer
Rounds, Samuel	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Sargent, George A.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Maker
Smith, Benjamin Y.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Organ Pipe Mfr.
Temple, David C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Temple, Warren K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Cutter
Wickens, John	.	.	.	.	.	.	Printer
Wyman, Fernando O.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker

Wight, Ephraim	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter
Johnson, J. Dana	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker

GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,	}	Selectmen
WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,		of
JOHN F. TURNER,		Reading.

Reading, Mass., Feb. 10, 1903.

Voted to strike off the following names from the above list :

Batchelder, Alden	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Retired
Temple, David C.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Carpenter

Voted to add the following names to above list :

Horton, William R.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Clerk
Eames, Edward B.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Salesman
Horrocks, George E.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Real Estate
Symonds, Burton K.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Box Mfr.
Nichols, Albion G.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Fireman
Eames, Webster	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Laborer

Voted to accept above list as amended.

Art. 2. Voted to take from table.

Voted that the Reports of Town Officers and Committees enumerated under this article be accepted and placed on file.

JAMES REID, Assistant Town Clerk.

A True Copy of Record.

ATTEST : MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 1903

To fill vacancy caused by the death of Edmund C. Cottle,
Representative to General Court.

Pursuant to a Warrant issued, a Town Meeting was held and called to order by Wm. I. Ruggles, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Prayer was offered by Rev. William W. Wakeman. The Warrant read, the following Ballot Clerks were duly sworn : George L. Pratt, George E. Adams, William E. Parkins.

The following Tellers were duly sworn : George A. Shackford, Spencer G. Stewart, Bennie F. Flanders.

The Ballot Box was opened and shown as empty and the register as (0000) and the Polls were duly declared open. The ballots were duly receipted for by the Ballot Clerks.

Voted to close Polls at 5.15 o'clock P. M.

The Polls were declared closed at 5.15 P. M. The Ballot Clerks reported that 747 ballots had been given out. The check list showed that 747 had voted.

The following shows the number of votes cast for the various candidates for Representative to General Court :

R. Kelsie McKeen of Reading	.	.	.	.	67
Charles H. Nowell of Reading	.	.	.	.	634
Wm. H. O'Brien of Woburn	.	.	.	.	17
Daniel S. Jones of Woburn	12
Henry R. Johnson of Reading	3
George A. Jones of Reading	1
Blanks	13
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Total vote cast	747

Voted to adjourn without date.

JAMES REID,

Town Clerk Pro Tem.

A True Copy of Record.

ATTEST :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX

In accordance with the provisions of Section 257, Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, being the City and Town Clerk of every City and Town in Representative District number twenty-eight (28) within said County, met at Woburn at noon Saturday, March 7, 1903, being the fourth day succeeding the day of the special election held on Tuesday, March 3, 1903, to fill vacancy in the office of Representative in said district, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the office of Representative, and determined therefrom that Charles H. Nowell of Reading was elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District, and the number of votes given for each person, viz :

R. Kelsie McKeen of Reading, ninety-four	94
Charles H. Nowell of Reading, thirteen hundred fifty-two	1352
William H. O'Brien of Woburn, two hundred five	205
Daniel S. Jones of Woburn, six hundred seventy-six	676
Henry R. Johnson of Reading, three	3
George A. Jones of Reading, one	1
Defective, twenty-eight	28
Blanks, fifty-four	54
Whole number of ballots, twenty-four hundred thirteen	2413

In witness whereof, we the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, hereunto set our hands this seventh day of March, A. D. 1903.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn.

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading.

A True Copy of Record.

ATTEST :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 26, 1903

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the report of the Sewer Committee to whom was referred the subject matter of Article 41 of the Warrant for the annual Town Meeting March 2, 1903.

Art. 2. Report of Sewerage Committee received and the following recommendations made by them :

1st. That the Sewer Committee be directed to specially consider the proper financeering of a sewerage system in view of the present indebtedness of the town and to secure the passage of an act of the legislature authorizing the Town to install such a sewerage system under the usual conditions and restrictions.

2nd. We are of the opinion that a sewer system should, like a water system, be made to a considerable extent if not wholly self-supporting by annual payments made by those connected with and using the sewers, and we would recommend that the Sewer Committee be directed to investigate the methods used by other municipalities and report a plan whereby a system of equitable annual or semi-annual rates from those who use and derive benefits from the sewers will pay a considerable portion of the yearly expense, including interest on the first cost of the works.

Voted to accept report and adopt the recommendations of the Sewerage Committee.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will instruct the Engineers of the Fire Department to change the financial year of the Fire Department to conform to the financial year of the Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 3. Voted to instruct the Engineers of the Fire Department to change their financial year to conform with the financial year of the Town.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will reconsider the action taken at the last Annual Meeting whereby it was voted to pass over Article 52 concerning Chapter 103 of the Revised Laws relative to plumbing.

Art. 4. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will reconsider the action taken at the last Annual Meeting whereby it was voted to indefinitely postpone Article 39 concerning the Stone Crusher.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint an Inspector of Milk, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To determine what instructions the Town will give the Town Officers.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will purchase the Old South Church property to be used for public assemblies and for commencements of the High School, or any other Town purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 5, 6, 7, 8. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will reconsider its vote in relation to a Playground, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. Voted to reconsider the action taken by the Town at the last annual Town Meeting in relation to Playground.

Art. 9. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 7. Voted to take from the table.

Art. 7. Voted to lay on the table.

Art. 9. Voted to take from the table.

Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to lease a suitable field for a Playground for one year if it can be done for a reasonable

sum in their opinion, with the privilege of purchasing the same at the end of that time at the present valuation.

Voted to adjourn without date.

A True Copy of Record.

ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 1903

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for one member of the Board of Assessors to fill the unexpired term of Herbert M. Viall, resigned.

Millard F. Charles, 66 Bancroft ave.	189
George E. Horrocks, 212 Main st.	155
Blanks	3
Total votes cast	<u>347</u>

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ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 1903

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission to construct the proposed State Highway in this Town or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 2. Voted that the Selectmen are authorized to execute a waiver of the rights of the Town guaranteed by Chapter 47, Section 10 of the Revised Laws to contract with the Massachusetts Highway Commission for the construction of the proposed State Highway within its limits.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will adopt By-laws authorizing the Selectmen to license dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals and second-hand articles and providing under what rules, regulations and restrictions the business may be carried on, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 3. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 4. To hear and act on the report of the Committee appointed to draft By-laws regulating the inspection, construction and use of buildings for the prevention of fire and the preservation of life.

Art. 4. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 24, Chapter 32, and Section 9, Chapter 208 of the Revised Laws, which refer to the setting of fires in the open air between the 1st day of April and the 1st day of October and negligently setting of fires and not extinguishing the same.

Art. 5. Voted to accept and adopt Section 9, Chapter 208 of the Revised Laws which refers to setting of fires in the open air and negligently leaving the same.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will take any action as to re-adjusting the compensation of the Forest Fire Wards and those assisting them in their work.

Art. 6. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Voted to adjourn sine die.

A True Copy of Records.

ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUG. 25, 1903

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to grant the Peoples' Gas and Electric Company of Stoneham permission to extend its gas pipes in the streets of the Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 2. Voted not to grant the Peoples' Gas and Electric Co. of Stoneham permission to extend their pipes in the Town of Reading.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will take any action with regard to purchasing of the Peoples' Gas and Electric Company of Stoneham that part of their plant and franchise which said Company claims to have in the Town of Reading.

Art. 3. Voted that a Committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to make a thorough investigation of the question of the Town of Reading obtaining a gas supply and to report in writing to the Town within ninety days from this date such plans as they find available with their recommendations. The Committee appointed were A. Newell Howes, Franklin T. Kurt and William S. Kinsley.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, un-

der the direction of the Selectmen, to issue the note or notes of the Town for an amount not exceeding nine thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing from the Peoples' Gas and Electric Company of Stoneham that portion of their plant and franchise which said Company claims to have in the Town of Reading.

Art. 4. Voted to indefinitely postpone.

Voted to adjourn without date.

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ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF TOWN MEETING HELD NOV. 3, 1903
STATE ELECTION

Meeting called to order by Wm. I. Ruggles, the Presiding Election Officer. Prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. W. Bowers. Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Ballot Clerks—George L. Pratt, Wm. H. Perkins, Reuben J. LeFave.

Tellers—Alfred W. Danforth, James C. Nichols, Charles H. Stinchfield, Arthur E. Nichols, John Connelly, Spencer G. Stewart, Otis B. Ruggles, Henry S. LeClair, Herbert E. McIntire, Henry M. Donegan.

Names checked as having voted, 943.

Polls closed at 4 o'clock and 25 minutes, P. M.

Result of ballot :

GOVERNOR

John L. Bates of Boston 683

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem	. . . . .	3
John C. Chase of Haverhill	. . . . .	45
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton	. . . . .	8
William A. Gaston of Boston	. . . . .	171
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	28

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury	. . . . .	57
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston	. . . . .	675
William F. Merrill of Malden	. . . . .	14
Richard Olney, 2d, of Leicester	. . . . .	154
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke	. . . . .	9
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	34

SECRETARY

Olof Bokelund of Worcester	. . . . .	54
John F. Coyle of Lynn	. . . . .	9
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston	. . . . .	16
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel of Springfield	. . . . .	128
William M. Olin of Boston	. . . . .	679
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	57

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL

John A. Billings of Rockland	. . . . .	60
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield	. . . . .	673
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford	. . . . .	9
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield	. . . . .	3
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth	. . . . .	136
Blanks . . . . .	. . . . .	62

AUDITOR

John H. Hagan of Lynn	. . . . .	18
Joseph Orr of Chicopee	. . . . .	49
Alfred E. Steele of Northampton	. . . . .	14

Francois X. Tetrault of Southbridge	. . . . .	125
Henry E. Turner of Malden	. . . . .	665
Blanks	. . . . .	72

ATTORNEY GENERAL

John A. Anderson of Gardner	. . . . .	26
William J. Carroll of Lowell	. . . . .	33
Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park	. . . . .	13
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester	. . . . .	118
Herbert Parker of Lancaster	. . . . .	678
Blanks	. . . . .	75

COUNCILLOR SIXTH DISTRICT

Oscar C. Hulsman of Malden	. . . . .	53
William J. McCluskey of Lowell	. . . . .	123
Walter S. Watson of Lowell	. . . . .	666
Blanks	. . . . .	101

SENATOR SIXTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Chester W. Clark of Wilmington	. . . . .	659
John P. Farley of Lowell	. . . . .	140
Benjamin Staveley of Tewksbury	. . . . .	59
J. W. Grimes	. . . . .	1
Blanks	. . . . .	84

REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL COURT 28TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Henry M. Aldrich of Woburn	. . . . .	123
George L. Flint of Reading	. . . . .	271
R. Kelsie McKeen of Reading	. . . . .	52
Charles H. Nowell of Reading	. . . . .	684
William H. O'Brien of Woburn	. . . . .	10
Iver Poulson of Woburn	. . . . .	8
Herbert S. Riley of Woburn	. . . . .	538
Blanks	. . . . .	200

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMISSIONER

George R. Duren of Carlisle	136
Samuel O. Upham of Waltham	656
Charles W. Ussher of Cambridge	57
Blanks	94

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Emanuel Bernier of Medford	52
Samuel H. Folsom of Winchester	659
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell	135
Blanks	97

REGISTER OF DEEDS MIDDLESEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Edwin O. Childs of Newton	690
Charles F. Drury of Natick	94
Blanks	159

MIDDLESEX COUNTY TREASURER

Joseph O. Authier of Cambridge	124
Charles G. F. Claus of Malden	57
Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville	664
Blanks	98

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and three, entitled "An act to provide for joint caucuses or primaries of all political and municipal parties," be accepted?

Yes	185
No	319
Blanks	439

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ATTEST :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 257, Chapter 11 of the Revised Laws, the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading, being the city and town clerk of every city and town in Representative District number twenty-eight within said County, met at noon Friday, November thirteenth, 1903, being the tenth day succeeding the day of election held November third, 1903, and then and there opened, examined and compared the copies of the records of votes cast at said election for the officers of Representative, and determined therefrom that Henry M. Aldrich of Woburn and Charles H. Nowell of Reading were elected to the office of Representative.

The following is a schedule of the names of all persons for whom votes for Representative were given in said District, and the number of votes given for each person, viz:

Henry M. Aldrich, Woburn, thirteen hundred eighty-three	1383
George L. Flint, Reading, twelve hundred twenty-five	1225
R. Kelsie McKeen, Reading, one hundred and two	102
Charles H. Nowell, Reading, sixteen hundred and two	1602
William H. O'Brien, Woburn, one hundred and forty-seven	147
Iver Poulson, Woburn, seventy-eight	78
Herbert S. Riley, Woburn, thirteen hundred and eighty-two	1382
Frank E. Wetherell, one	1
Defective, twenty-two	22
Blank, nine hundred and twenty-eight	928
Whole number of ballots, sixty-eight hundred and seventy	6870

In witness whereof, we the City Clerk of Woburn and the Town Clerk of Reading hereunto set our hands this thirteenth day of November, A. D. 1903.

JOHN H. FINN, City Clerk, Woburn.

ATTEST: MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk, Reading.

A true copy of record,

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 23, 1904.

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 1. George L. Flint was chosen Moderator.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the report of the Committee appointed at the meeting of Aug. 25th last, to make a thorough investigation of the question of the Town of Reading obtaining a gas supply.

Art. 2. The Committee on Gas appointed at the meeting of Aug. 25 submitted a report on the question of a gas supply for the Town of Reading. They recommended that no action be taken by the Town in regard to gas but leave matters as they are. It was voted to accept report of Committee and adopt their recommendations.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to execute a release to indemnify and save harmless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against all claims and demands for damages which may be sustained by any person whose property is taken for or is injured by the construction of the highway which the Massachusetts Highway Commission proposes to construct as a State Road on Main st., in this Town.

Art. 3. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to execute a release to indemnify and save harmless the Commonwealth of Massachusetts against all claims and demands for damages which may be sustained by any person whose property is taken for or is injured by the construction of the Highway which the Massachusetts Highway Commission proposes to construct on Main st., in this Town.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will adopt by-laws authorizing the Selectmen to license suitable persons to be collectors, dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals and second hand articles, and prescribing regulations under

which the business of collecting or trading in junk, old metals and second hand articles may be carried on or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 4. Voted that the Town adopt the following By-Laws in regard to licensing collectors and dealers in old junk.

(By-Laws of the Town of Reading on Junk, Old Metals and Second Hand Articles.)

Sec. 10. The Selectmen may license suitable persons to be dealers in and keepers of shops for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals and second hand articles.

Sec. 11. The Selectmen may also license suitable persons as junk collectors, to collect by purchase or otherwise, junk, old metals and second hand articles from place to place within the Town.

Sec. 12. Every keeper of such shop shall put in some suitable and conspicuous place on his shop a sign having his name and occupation legibly inscribed thereon in large letters.

Sec. 13. Every junk collector shall display upon each side of all vehicles used by him when engaged in collecting, transporting or dealing in junk, old metals or second hand articles, his name, residence and number of his license in letters and figures that may be distinctly seen.

Sec. 14. Every such shop and all articles of merchandise therein, and any place, vehicle or receptacle used for the collection or keeping of the articles aforesaid, may be examined at all times by the Selectmen or any person by them authorized thereto.

Sec. 15. Every keeper of a shop for the purchase, sale or barter of junk, old metals or second hand articles within the limits of the Town, shall keep a book in which shall be written, at the time of every purchase of any such article, a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when such purchase was made. Such book shall at all

times be open to the inspection of the Selectmen or of any person by them authorized to make such inspection.

Sec. 16. No keeper of such shop, and no junk collector shall, directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any such goods of a minor or apprentice, knowing or having reason to believe him to be such.

Sec. 17. No keeper of such shop shall sell or permit to be sold any article purchased or received by him until at least one week from the date of its purchase or receipt has elapsed.

Sec. 18. No keeper of such shop shall have his shop open for the transaction of business, nor shall he or any junk collector purchase any of the aforesaid articles, except between sunrise and nine o'clock in the evening of any week day.

Voted that Solon Bancroft be a Committee of one to present said By-Laws to the Superior Court for approval.

Art. 5. To see what action the Town will take to carry away the water which accumulates on the southerly side of Green st., near the residence of Mrs. S. J. Manning, and others.

Art. 5. Voted to instruct Selectmen to open drain to carry away water which collects near residence of Mrs. S. J. Manning and others if in their opinion and judgment it is best so to do.

Voted that a vote of thanks be given to the Special Committee on Gas for their fine and comprehensive report on the same.

Voted to adjourn without date.

A true copy of record.

ATTEST :

MILLARD F. CHARLES, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading :

Following the time honored custom, as well as the provisions of the By-Laws, your Board of Selectmen respectfully presents its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1903.

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS

In compliance with the vote of the Town at the Annual Meeting of 1902, Main street between Minot street and B. & M. R. R. crossing has been macadamized, the work being performed by the contractors who had the contract for the State Highway work on North Main street. This gives the Town a continuous macadamized road from the B. & M. R. R. crossing to the Stoneham line, and with the completion of the work on North Main street, for which the State Highway Commission has allotted the Town \$9,000.00, Main street will be entirely macadamized. Having an opportunity to obtain a steam roller which the State Highway contractors were working in Town, we macadamized a piece of road on Woburn street, west of the B. & M. R. R. crossing, with, we think, very satisfactory results, both financially and as an illustration of what it is possible for the Town to do in this line of work. The portion of the road constructed was 315 feet in length, 22 feet in width, 5 inches in thickness after rolling; total cost of work \$295.64. We would recommend similar work in some other part of the Town this year, as it will undoubtedly be possible to again

obtain a steam roller to advantage, and purchase broken stone of the State Highway contractors.

As instructed, we have removed the bushes on the southerly side of the westerly end of Oak street and began the construction of a sidewalk, which we recommend to be completed this year.

During the summer we received a petition from residents on the Private Way known as Beech street, and others in that vicinity, praying that said Private Way be laid out as a Public Town Way. The petitioners were heard, and our report on same will be presented at the coming Annual Meeting.

For many years the surplus water on Pearl street near the Town Home has caused a great deal of annoyance, not only to abutters in that vicinity, but to the travelling public, and we shall present a plan with a recommendation for a special appropriation at the coming Annual Meeting, which we believe should overcome what has been a very perplexing condition of affairs.

GATEMEN'S TOWER, B. & M. R. R., ASH & MAIN STREETS

Agreeable to instructions given at the last Annual Meeting, we have had several conferences with the officials of the B. & M. R. R. Co., and a plan is now being worked out by said R. R. Company, which, if adopted, will mean the abandonment of the tower and a return of the gate tender to his former location on the street.

BLOCK OR DISTRICT SYSTEM OF ASSESSING

We have made a careful investigation of this subject and shall present our report in detail at the coming Annual Meeting.

INSULATING WIRES

Your instructions, with reference to compelling the Street Railway Company and Municipal Light Board to insulate all wires

owned or controlled by them, have been carried out so far as it was found possible and practicable.

EDGESTONES AROUND COMMON

This work was completed early in the season, and we have inserted an article in the Warrant for the coming Annual Meeting for similar edgestones to be placed around the southeasterly portion of the Common. When this work is completed our Common will be entirely enclosed with edgestones.

LAW SUITS AGAINST THE TOWN

Grace McKay vs. Town of Reading.

In the Superior Court the jury found for the plaintiff and assessed damages at \$2500. Our Attorney carried the case to the Supreme Court on exceptions, which were sustained.

The case of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (account of Henry H. Nowell) vs. Town of Reading has been settled out of court.

The suit of the Middleton Paper Mills vs. Town of Reading is still in the hands of our Attorney.

PLAYGROUND

We have complied with your instructions given at the special Town Meeting of March 26 last, and leased the property owned by Mr. Kirk Sweetser on the southerly side of Washington street, for one year from April 2d, 1903, with a condition embodied in said lease that the Town has the right to purchase the property at the expiration of the lease for a sum equal to the Assessors' valuation of said property for the year 1902. It is our opinion that the action of the Town in this matter has been greatly appreciated by the young people, and has been the source of much pleasure and recreation for all, and we heartily recommend the purchase of the property.

STREET RAILWAY MATTERS

On petition of the B. & N. St. Ry. Co., a public hearing was held on August 10th last for a re-location and new location of said Company's tracks on Main and Lowell streets. As there was an apparent strong opposition to granting further privileges to this Company under the then existing conditions, with the exception of notifying the Company of our position in this matter, no further action was taken. Since the hearing referred to above, a Starter in uniform has been placed in Reading Square and a much better arrangement of the arrival and departure of the cars in said Square has been instituted. Also a new waiting room in the drug store of A. W. Danforth has been established.

We have further to report that the special work on said railway tracks on Summer avenue, Prescott and Haven streets was completed early in the season. We are firmly of the opinion, however, that the service given its patrons in this Town by the B. & N. St. Ry. Company is of a kind that will admit of very great improvement, and we would recommend that unless a very great change is made in the near future, an appeal be taken to a Board to whose requests or orders said St. Ry. Company in our opinion will give immediate attention.

We invite your perusal of the financial statements pertaining to the various appropriations which may be found on the succeeding pages.

Our recommendations for appropriations for the various Departments under the control of the Board of Selectmen will be transmitted to the Finance Committee in season for said Committee to give them due consideration previous to the coming Annual Meeting.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation	\$3,500 00
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EXPENDED

M. F. Charles, Town Clerk, Jan. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903	\$ 75 00	
W. I. Ruggles, salary Selectman and Over- seer of Poor, Jan. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903	291 67	
James W. Killam, salary Selectman and Overseer of Poor, March 2, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903	208 33	
O. L. Akerley, salary Selectman and Over- seer of Poor, March 2, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903	208 33	
Geo. A. Shackford, salary Selectman and Overseer of Poor, Jan. 1, 1903, to March 2, 1903	50 00	
John F. Turner, salary Selectman and Over- seer of Poor, Jan. 1, 1903, to March 2, 1903	41 67	
E. F. Parker, Treasurer, 1903	400 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$1,275 00</u>	<u>\$3,500 00</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,275 00	\$3,500 00
E. F. Parker, Assessor, 1903 . . .	250 00	
John H. Adden, Assessor, 1903 . . .	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Assessor, 1903 . . .	250 00	
M. F. Charles, Clerk Board Registrars, Jan. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	40 00	
Owen McKenney, Registrar, May 1, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	50 00	
W. S. Prentiss, Registrar, Nov. 1, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	35 00	
W. M. Scott, Registrar, May 1, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	50 00	
Est. A. S. Tuttle, salary A. S. Tuttle, Reg- istrar, April 1, 1900, to June 16, 1901	30 00	
W. S. Kinsley, salary Electric Light Com- missioner, Nov. 1, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1903	87 50	
C. W. Lee, salary Electric Light Commis- sioner, March 1, 1902, to March 1, 1903	75 00	
G. L. Flint, salary Electric Light Commis- sioner, Jan. 1, 1903, to Dec. 31, 1903 .	75 00	
H. R. Johnson, salary Water Commissioner, year ending Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	75 00	
E. H. Gowing, salary Water Commissioner, year ending Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	75 00	
G. A. Shackford, salary Water Commission- er, March 2, 1903, to Nov. 30, 1903 .	56 25	
E. B. Drake, salary Water Commissioner, Jan. 1, 1903, to March 2, 1903 . . .	12 50	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1900 . . .	8 06	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1901 . . .	104 44	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$2,798 75	<hr/> \$3,500 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,798 75	\$3,500 00
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1902 . . .	144 93	
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1903 . . .	433 13	
E. N. Hunt, salary Auditor, 1902 . .	33 33	
G. H. Clough, salary Auditor, 1902 . .	33 33	
F. D. Merrill, Sec'y Board of Health, 1903	50 00	
C. H. Playdon, Board of Health, 1902 .	25 00	
G. L. Flint, Board of Health, 1903 . .	25 00	
G. L. Flint, Moderator, March 2d and 26th, April 21st, Aug. 25 and Dec. 23d .	30 00	
Overdrawn		73 47
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	\$3,573 47	\$3,573 47

TOWN BUILDING AND OFFICE

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED

C. M. Barrows & Co., order book . . .	\$ 12 75	
Hobbs & Warren Co., invoice book, ledger and supplies	9 25	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., pauper registers .	9 50	
Little, Brown & Co., copy of Town Officer	4 00	
H. Prentiss, Postmaster, postage stamps .	25 00	
S. S. Bell, Manager, electric light and sup- plies	97 22	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel, 1902 . . .	42 36	
W. Bancroft & Co., fuel, 1903 . . .	244 12	
C. L. Martin, fuel	11 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$455 20	\$300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$455 20	\$300 00
American Express Co., expressing . .	30	
Cummings' Express, expressing . .	5 35	
Reading Water Works, water rates . .	3 00	
Chevasse Pen Co., supplies . . .	2 50	
Francis Bros., supplies . . .	20	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies . .	7 44	
T. C. Fife, labor and material . . .	6 56	
T. J. Whall, repairing boiler, 1902 . .	2 01	
Janet C. Varney, cleaning office . .	2 60	
J. F. Burnham, Supt., fuel . . .	8 00	
Overdrawn		193 16
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	\$493 16	\$493 16

PRINTING

Appropriation	\$750 00
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EXPENDED

W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Town Reports, 1902	\$366 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, extra copies Water, Light and School Reports .	30 50	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, Finance Commit- tee Report	14 00	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, miscellaneous printing	276 25	
P. B. Murphy, Assessors' posters . .	1 25	
Wakefield Daily Item, dog licenses, posters and Assessors' returns	6 05	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$694 05	\$750 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$694 05	\$750 00
Hobbs & Warren Co., Collector's warrants	3 00	
B. H. Irving, election officers' returns	2 50	
Unexpended	50 45	
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	\$750 00	\$750 00

ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$300 00
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EXPENDED

Lyceum Hall Ass'n, rent of hall for caucuses and registration of voters	\$12 00	
Y. M. C. A., rent of hall, March 2d, 3d and April 21, 1903	60 00	
Masonic Temple Corp., rent of hall, Dec. 23, 1903	8 00	
J. H. Orr, services at elections, April 21st and Nov. 3d, 1903	5 50	
Henry Stock, services at elections, March 3, 1902, Nov. 4th, 1902, and March 2d, 1903	7 00	
J. L. Fairbanks & Co., election pencils	88	
M. F. Charles, recount of Representative vote, Nov. 11th, 1903	5 00	
Owen McKenney, recount of Representa- tive vote, Nov. 11th, 1903	5 00	
W. S. Prentiss, recount of Representative vote, Nov. 11th, 1903	5 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$108 38	\$300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$108 38	\$300 00
W. M. Scott, recount of Representative vote, Nov. 11th, 1903	5 00	
Geo. E. Adams, ballot clerk, March 3d and April 21st, 1903	10 00	
Wm. H. Perkins, ballot clerk, March 2d, April 21st and Nov. 3d, 1903	15 00	
Geo. L. Pratt, ballot clerk, March 2d, April 21st and Nov. 3d, 1903	15 00	
Wm. E. Parkins, ballot clerk, March 3d, 1903	5 00	
Reuben J. Lefave, ballot clerk, Nov. 3d, 1903	5 00	
H. M. Donegan, teller, March 2d, April 21 and Nov. 3d, 1903	15 00	
John Connelly, teller, Nov. 4th, 1902, and March 2d, 1903	10 00	
S. G. Stewart, teller, March 3d and Nov. 3d, 1903	10 00	
W. I. Ruggles, teller, March 3d and Nov. 3d, 1903	10 00	
J. W. Killam, teller, March 3d and Nov. 3d, 1903	10 00	
O. L. Akerley, teller, March 3d and Nov. 3d, 1903	10 00	
J. C. Nichols, teller, March 3d and Nov. 3d, 1903	10 00	
B. F. Flanders, teller, March 3d and April 21st, 1903	10 00	
C. H. Stinchfield, teller, April 21st and Nov. 3d, 1903	10 00	
H. E. McIntire, teller, April 21st and Nov. 3d, 1903	10 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$268 38	<hr/> \$300 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$268 38	\$300 00
F. E. Hutchins, teller, March 3d, 1903 .	5 00	
G. A. Shackford, teller, March 3d, 1903 .	5 00	
J. S. Robinson, teller, March 2d, 1903 .	5 00	
D. T. Bickford, teller, March 2d, 1903 .	5 00	
W. F. Cook, teller, March 2d, 1903 .	5 00	
W. F. Eaton, teller, March 2d, 1903 .	5 00	
C. W. MacDougall, teller, March 2d, 1903 .	5 00	
H. E. Eames, teller, March 2d, 1903 .	5 00	
F. A. Bessom, teller, March 2d, 1903 .	5 00	
C. W. Lee, teller, March 2d, 1903 . .	5 00	
W. L. Crowe, teller, April 21st, 1903 .	5 00	
C. L. Newell, teller, April 21st, 1903 .	5 00	
A. E. Nichols, teller, Nov. 3d, 1903 .	5 00	
A. W. Danforth, teller, Nov. 3d, 1903 .	5 00	
O. B. Ruggles, teller, Nov. 3d, 1903 .	5 00	
H. S. LaClair, teller, Nov. 3d, 1903 .	5 00	
Overdrawn		48 38
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	\$348 38	\$348 38

BURIAL AGENT'S ACCOUNT

Amount due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$35 00
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EXPENDED

Ephraim Wight for burial expenses David G. Richardson	\$35 00	
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	\$35 00	\$35 00

DECORATION AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$175 00
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EXPENDED

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	\$175 00	
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	\$175 00	\$175 00

ELECTRIC LIGHTS G. A. R. HALL

Appropriation	\$50 00
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EXPENDED

Veteran Post 194, G. A. R.	\$50 00	
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	\$50 00	\$50 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
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EXPENDED

Marcus M. Bancroft, fuel and groceries	\$68 88	
Charles H. Champney, fuel, groceries, nurse, medicine and medical attendance	312 09	
Sarah A. Deadman, groceries	97 62	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde, supplies	24 00	
John H. Jennings, fuel and groceries	123 19	
Charlotte A. Mathews, supplies	48 00	
Benj. F. McAllister, supplies	71 50	
Mary J. McAllister, supplies	19 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$764 78	\$1,500 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$764 78	\$1,500 00
Kate V. Norris, supplies	99 78	
Susan M. Penney, supplies	72 00	
David G. Richardson, supplies	108 00	
Samuel Rounds, fuel, groceries and rent . .	74 69	
Helen M. Sherman, fuel, rent and medical attendance	137 15	
Janet C. Varney, supplies	48 00	
Marcella Woods, rent	24 00	
Unexpended	171 60	
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	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00

PAID ACCOUNT CITY OF BROCKTON

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount rec'd from City of Brockton \$115 46

EXPENDED

Mary E. Freeman, groceries, nurse, supplies, medical attendance and funeral expenses	\$115 46	
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	\$115 46	\$115 46

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount rec'd from Town of Wakefield \$10 25

EXPENDED

Mary L. Carey, fuel and groceries	\$10 25	
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	\$10 25	\$10 25

PAID ACCOUNT TOWN OF NORTH READING

SOLDIERS' RELIEF ACCOUNT

Amount due from Town of North Reading

\$44 43

EXPENDED

Mrs. Fred C. McIntire, rent, fuel, dry goods
and shoes

\$44 43

\$44 43

\$43 43

STATE AND MILITARY AID

Appropriation

\$2,800 00

EXPENDED

Eben B. Bickford	\$72 00
Sarah J. Bickford	48 00
Wm. H. Baker	48 00
Marietta Baker	48 00
Marcus M. Bancroft	48 00
Emmons Buck	72 00
Julia Buck	48 00
Edmund Buxton	48 00
Lydia R. Bryden	48 00
Mary L. Carey	28 00
Reuben R. Coates	48 00
John H. Corrie	48 00
Ellen M. Damon	48 00
John Damon	48 00

Amount carried forward

\$700 00

\$2,800 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$700 00	\$2,800 00
Sarah A. Deadman	48 00	
John D. DeRonde	4 00	
Eliza W. DeRonde	48 00	
Elizabeth W. DeRonde	48 00	
Harriet Dow	48 00	
Stillson H. Dow	42 00	
Ida F. Flanders	48 00	
Charles C. Frost	48 00	
Samuel Goodwin	48 00	
Mary P. Goodwin	48 00	
Mary Gowing	48 00	
Jennie H. Gould	48 00	
Jonathan Heselton	36 00	
Richmond Heselton	72 00	
Melissa R. Hollis	48 00	
Wm. A. Hunter	48 00	
Wm. L. Jones	48 00	
Wm. LaClair	6 00	
Clara A. Leathe	48 00	
Gustavus Loring	24 00	
Susan R. Lovejoy	40 00	
Sarah J. Mason	48 00	
Charlotte A. Mathews	48 00	
Mary McIntire	48 00	
Charles W. Milbery	54 00	
Sarah M. Milbery	28 00	
Ansel Nickerson	72 00	
Kate V. Norris	48 00	
Clarkson Parker	48 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,990 00	<hr/> \$2,800 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,990 00	\$2,800 00
Margaret Pinkham	48 00	
David G. Richardson	28 00	
Susan M. Richardson	48 00	
Henry F. Scruton	48 00	
Helen M. Sherman	48 00	
Julia A. E. Smith	48 00	
George Thayer	48 00	
Roxanna C. Underwood	16 00	
Eliza Upton	48 00	
Janet C. Varney	48 00	
George A. W. Vinall	48 00	
Harriett B. Vinall	8 00	
Daniel H. Wadlin	60 00	
Josephine Watts	8 00	
George W. Wiggin	32 00	
Isabella Wildman	20 00	
Marcella Woods	48 00	
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To be paid by the Commonwealth	\$2,642 00	

MILITARY AID

Henry E. Putnam (one-half to be paid by the Commonwealth)	\$36 00	
Unexpended	122 00	
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	\$2,800 00	\$2,800 00

ACCOUNT CHAS. L. HAAG

Due from Charles L. Haag		85 54
EXPENDED		
Charles L. Haag, supplies	\$85 54	
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	\$85 54	\$85 54

GRACE MCKAY vs. TOWN OF READING

(No appropriation)

EXPENDED

Arthur P. French, Attorney, expenses acc't of filing exceptions in Grace McKay suit	\$61 60
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CARE OF OLD SOUTH CLOCK

Appropriation	\$50 00
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EXPENDED

Old South M. E. Society	\$50 00	
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	\$50 00	\$50 00

RENT OF PLAYGROUND

(No appropriation)

Kirk Sweetser, rent from April 1st to Oct. 1st, 1903	\$171 00
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CARE AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON AND PARKS

Appropriation	\$150 00
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EXPENDED

F. A. Butters, repairing seats	\$ 4 75	
Joseph White, labor	78	
Martin Forbes, labor	28 67	
J. S. Doucette, labor	15 75	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$49 95	\$150 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$49 95	\$150 00
John Doucette, labor	10 50	
James McKenney, labor	9 00	
Orne Green, labor	67 25	
Reading Water Works	12 00	
Unexpended	1 30	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

EDGESTONE AROUND COMMON

(Southwesterly Portion)

Appropriation	\$150 00
EXPENDED	
John Muse, edgestone and setting same . .	\$148 88
Unexpended	1 12
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	\$150 00

SPRAYING APPARATUS

Appropriation	\$65 00
EXPENDED	
Chas. J. Jager Co., spraying apparatus . .	\$58 60
E. C. Brown & Co., one brass "Auto-Spray"	4 75
Unexpended	1 65
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	\$65 00

READING HOME FOR AGED WOMEN

Appropriation	\$75 00
EXPENDED	
Reading H. A. W., cash, electric lights and water rates, 1903	\$75 00
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SWAN ESTATE

Amount received from rent . . .		\$108 00	
EXPENDED			
Repairs, water rates, etc.	\$11 85		
Net income	96 15		
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	\$108 00		\$108 00

READING WATER WORKS

Appropriations		\$7,290 00	
Amount raised by taxation		7,000 00	
EXPENDED			
Reading Water Works, service pipes	\$1,000 00		
“ “ “ street sprinkler	500 00		
“ “ “ drinking fountains	300 00		
“ “ “ hydrant rentals	4,890 00		
“ “ “ interest on water			
loan	600 00		
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., reduction of water			
loan, water bonds 36, 37, 38, 39, 40,			
161, 162 paid by him	7,000 00		
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	\$14,290 00		\$14,290 00

MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT

Appropriations		\$11,280 00	
Amount raised by taxation		1,000 00	
Amount raised by loan		1,400 00	
EXPENDED			
Municipal Light Board, arc lights . . .	\$8,280 00		
“ “ “ construction . . .	3,000 00		
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$11,280 00		\$13,680 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$11,280 00	\$13,680 00
Edw. F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him .	1,400 00	
“ “ “ “ Bond No. 9, issue		
1894, paid by him	1,000 00	
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	\$13,680 00	\$13,680 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Appropriation		\$1,320 00
EXPENDED		
Edward F. Parker, Treas., coupons 1903		
paid by him	\$1,300 00	
Unexpended (Coupon No. 20 unpaid) .	20 00	
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	\$1,320 00	\$1,320 00

INTEREST ON SCHOOL HOUSE NOTES

Appropriation		\$312 50
EXPENDED		
L. G. Howard	\$81 25	
J. A. Howard	81 25	
R. L. Day & Co.	35 00	
Chas. W. Ranlet	40 00	
Edward F. Parker, Treas., interest paid by		
him	75 00	
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	\$312 50	\$312 50

SCHOOL HOUSE BONDS

Amount raised by taxation . . .		\$2,000 00
EXPENDED		
Edward F. Parker, Treas., Bonds No. 8 and		
9, issue Aug. 1st, 1895, paid by him .	\$2,000 00	
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	\$2,000 00	\$2,000 00

HAVEN STREET NOTE

(Issued Nov. 27, 1899)

Amount received from new loan	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDED

Edward F. Parker, Treas., note paid by him	\$1,000 00	
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	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Received from Auctioneers' licenses	8 00
" " carriage licenses	8 00
" " fees sealing weights, measures, etc.	5 71
Received from estate of C. N. Mellen removing wire from Black's block	75

EXPENDED

F. D. Merrill, posting warrants	\$3 00	
Y. M. C. A., rent of hall special Town meet- ing	10 00	
Lyceum Hall Assn., rent of hall for caucuses	6 00	
Duparquett, Huot & Moneuse, 6 drinking cups	1 20	
H. C. Derby, rubber stamp	1 00	
Hobbs & Warren Co., poor blanks and type- writing	40	
Hobbs & Warren Co., letter copy book	2 75	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$24 35	\$1,022 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$24 35	\$1,022 46
Ina L. Eames, typewriting	2 00	
Ida R. Whittier, clerical services	15 00	
J. H. Morris & Co., repairing roof on Town building	32 90	
Thos. Groom & Co., Collector's cashbook	9 00	
Stewart & Robertson, repairing and paint- ing band stand	50 00	
Manning's Nursery, Maple tree	1 50	
H. R. Johnson, hardware and labor on elec- tion booths	10 85	
Francis Bros., hardware for Tree Warden	1 95	
Francis Bros., new pump	28 00	
Francis Bros., hardware and repairs	5 00	
Francis Bros., faucets and drinking cups for fountain	6 50	
J. F. Burnham, Supt., sods and loam for Common	28 95	
J. F. Burnham, Supt., labor moving trees	12 00	
J. F. Burnham, Supt., distributing Town Reports, 1902	10 00	
Reading Water Works, labor and material on drinking fountain	7 67	
J. H. Adden, investigating records	25 00	
James A. Bancroft, plans and surveys . . .	40 25	
F. W. Danforth, street signs	6 00	
M. E. Nichols, repairs on windows of Town building	1 12	
M. F. Charles, Sec'y of Finance Committee	25 00	
M. F. Charles, recording births, marriages and deaths, clerical work and stationery	86 94	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$429 98	\$1,022 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$429 98	\$1,022 46
James Reid, recording births, marriages and deaths	11 80	
J. A. O'Leary, reporting birth	50	
Geo. E. Pierce, reporting deaths	11 25	
G. W. Killorin, rolling playground	5 00	
W. I. Ruggles, investigating block system and stationery	1 70	
E. F. Parker, expenses as Treasurer	1 74	
L. T. Eames, labor removing wire from Black's block	75	
Samuel Brown, filing saws for Tree Warden	1 70	
R. C. Totten, iron bolts for Tree Warden	1 50	
J. W. Gleason, trimming trees	21 00	
Dennie Doucette, trimming trees	12 25	
A. B. Mathews, teaming trees	30 00	
R. A. White, labor on trees, 1902	2 00	
R. A. White, labor on trees, 1903	3 00	
R. A. White, carriage hire for Tree Warden	2 00	
American Express Co., expressing	60	
Cummings' Express, expressing	60	
Robert Horrocks, ringing bell July 4th	1 00	
F. W. Parker, salary sealer of weights and measures, 1903	75 00	
F. W. Parker, postage, supplies and miscellaneous expenses	7 67	
George L. Flint, Moderator special Town meeting	5 00	
A. P. French, legal services, 1903	11 39	
A. E. Batchelder, labor and team	35 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$672 43	\$1,022 46

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$672 43	\$1,022 46
W. O. Dockendorff, labor and team on Common	17 67	
C. H. Playdon, inspector of animals and pro- visions, 1902	100 00	
H. R. Johnson, labor and material at play- ground	1 94	
J. S. Doucette, ditching	2 72	
Jos. W. Killam, "	10 50	
D. W. Pratt, "	26 25	
A. G. Emerson, "	23 00	
J. H. Brown, "	1 75	
E. P. Bancroft, "	18 00	
F. Chusong, "	10 50	
J. E. Wilkins, "	12 44	
Jos. W. Killam, labor on dump	2 33	
F. Castine " "	78	
W. K. Pratt, " "	2 34	
M. Forbes, " "	1 34	
D. W. Pratt, " "	1 56	
A. G. Emerson, " "	2 34	
J. H. Brown, " "	2 34	
F. Chusong, " "	3 06	
J. E. Wilkins, " "	2 33	
Unexpended	106 84	
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	\$1,022 46	\$1,022 46

INTEREST

Appropriation	\$ 600 00
Amount received from interest on con- crete account	6 36
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$606 36

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$606 36
Amount received from First Nat. Bank on deposits	169 61
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Col- lector, 1900	19 07
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Col- lector, 1901	1,040 99
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Col- lector, 1902	591 51
Amount received from H. M. Viall, Col- lector, 1903	82 79

EXPENDED

Interest on temporary loans	\$2,451 27
Interest on Haven st. note	37 50
A. W. Danforth, Sec'y, interest on cemetery bequest funds	305 29
Overdrawn	283 73
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	\$2,794 06 \$2,794 06

ABATEMENT OF TAXES

Appropriation	\$600 00
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EXPENDED

H. M. Viall, Collector, 1900	\$ 53 27
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1901	399 14
H. M. Viall, Collector, 1902	147 36
Unexpended	23
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	\$600 00 \$600 00

STREET DEPARTMENT

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND REPAIRS OF SIDEWALKS

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
A portion of amount received from street railway franchise and excise tax	3,216 74
Amount received from loan . . .	1,000 00
Amount received from B. & N. Street Railway Co.	38 67
Amount received for material sold .	31 57
Amount received from State Treasurer	11 60

EXPENDED

Labor and teams, 1901	\$ 55 33
Labor and teams, 1902	91 00
Labor and teams	1,816 52
Labor	1,869 31
Gravel, 1901	17 16
Gravel	405 64
J. A. Blunt, repairs	20 22
R. C. Totten, repairs	11 53
H. K. Austin, labor and material . . .	49 81
Reading Water Works, labor and material	49 65
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe and supplies	254 47
Francis Bros., tools and supplies . . .	8 07

	\$4,648 71	\$7,298 58
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Amount carried forward

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$4,648 71	\$7,298 58
Frederick Wallace, tools and supplies . . .	1 03	
Joseph Breck & Sons Corp., tools . . .	7 00	
American Powder Mills, supplies . . .	29 28	
H. L. Bond Co., supplies	1 67	
Reading Co-op Ass'n, supplies . . .	65	
Barbour, Stockwell Co., iron grate . . .	15 00	
Osgood & Witherly, iron grate . . .	13 00	
John Muse, edgestones and setting . . .	33 02	
E. L. Lovejoy, storing roller and scraper . .	7 00	
Cummings' Express, expressing	25	
Ferranti & Maguire Co., crushed stone and use of roller	200 75	
A. M. Barnard estate, rent	36 00	
A. G. Emerson, labor and teams . . .	706 11	
A. G. Emerson, clerical services . . .	50 00	
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	\$5,749 47	

MACADAMIZING MAIN ST. FROM MINOT ST.

TO THE B. & M. R. R. CROSSING

EXPENDED

Ferranti & Maguire Co., Contractors . .	1,549 11	
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	\$7,298 58	\$7,298 58

STREET SPRINKLING

A portion of amount received from

Street Railway franchise and excise tax	\$426 25
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EXPENDED

Merrill Hutchinson, painting watering cart	\$ 25 00	
Prentiss & Viall, insurance on watering cart	3 00	
John Stock, labor and use of horses . . .	398 25	
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	\$426 25	\$426 25

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONES

(Abutters to pay one-half)

Appropriation	\$200 00
Am't received from Antonio Michelini	19 24
Am't received from Robert F. Fitz .	38 30
Am't received from Henry R. Johnson	29 89

EXPENDED

Lyceum Hall Ass'n, allowance for concret- ing	\$ 3 66	
John Muse, edgestones and setting . .	146 72	
MacDonald Bros., concreting . . .	25 24	
Unexpended	111 81	
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	\$287 43	\$287 43

CONCRETE GUTTERS, CROSSWALKS AND PAVED
GUTTERS

Appropriation	\$250 00
Amount refunded by E. B. Richardson	3 25

EXPENDED

Labor	\$126 41	
Labor and teams	22 44	
McDonald Bros., concreting . . .	96 65	
Unexpended	7 75	
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	\$253 25	\$253 25

REPAIRS OF CONCRETE

Appropriation	\$300 00
Amount received from S. W. Bowker	1 49
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$301 49

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$301 49
A portion of amount received from Street Railway franchise and excise tax	53 19

EXPENDED

George W. Killoran, concreting . . .	\$ 11 40	
McDonald Bros., concreting . . .	327 28	
Labor and teams	16 00	
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	\$354 68	\$354 68

REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

Appropriation	\$500 00
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EXPENDED

Labor and teams	\$389 04	
Labor	27 19	
A. G. Emerson, labor and team . . .	50 37	
Samuel Brown, repairing snow plow .	1 00	
Unexpended	32 40	
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	\$500 00	\$500 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF
STREET RAILWAY TAX

Unexpended balance	\$ 84 28
Amount received from Excise tax, 1903	2,075 48
“ “ Franchise tax, 1903	1,576 85

EXPENDED

Account repairs of concrete	\$ 53 19	
“ Highways	3,216 74	
“ Street Sprinkling	426 25	
Unexpended	40 43	
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	\$3,736 61	\$3,736 61

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading:

The Board of Engineers herewith submit their annual report for the year nineteen hundred and three.

During the year the Department responded to 27 bell alarms.

The Department consists of

One Chief Engineer and two Assistant Engineers.

Steamer No. 1, two enginemen.

Hook and Ladder No. 1, twelve men.

Hose No. 1, thirteen men, Central Fire Station.

Hose No. 2, fifteen men, Woburn St.

Hose No. 3, six men, North Main St.

Hose No. 4, six men, Hopkins St.

Hose No. 5, Volunteer Co., Grove St., at Elwin J. Roundy's.

Mr. Leonard T. Eames was re-appointed Supt. of the Fire Alarm, and the system is in good condition with the exception of some of the old wire and poles, which will have to be replaced with new in the near future.

The apparatus and buildings are in good condition, except that the Hook and Ladder, Steamer and Hose No. 2 should be touched up and varnished this year, and the house of Hose No. 2, Woburn St., should have a coat of paint this spring.

We have by vote of the Town, replaced the gravity battery of the Fire Alarm with a storage battery, and for the six months it has been in use it has proved all that we claimed for it in the mat-

ter of economy, as, aside from the cost of installing, it has cost nothing for supplies, and the Boston and Northern Street Railway Co. furnish us the current free of charge. We find it much easier to handle and more satisfactory in every way than the old system.

We have added one new Fire Alarm Box, No. 41, located at the corner of Green and Village Sts.

We would recommend that a new box be located on Haven St. near the G. A. R. hall, and that Box 17 be moved to the corner of Prescott and Arlington Streets. As now located Box 17 covers too much property and an alarm from it does not inform the Department which side of the B. & M. R. R. to look for the fire.

We would again recommend that the Town appropriate a sum sufficient to place Tower Strikers on houses of Hose 3 and 4.

We would also again call the attention of the voters to the need of a new house and horses for the Department in the centre, and would recommend that a committee of five be appointed to look into the cost and advisability of the Town remodeling the present building to accommodate all the Town officials, and the building of a new station for the Fire Department on Town land east of the Town building on Pleasant Street, and report with recommendations at a future meeting.

The Department again held a successful Field Day, and we feel that the exhibition of the Department was a credit to the town. The money appropriated by the Town was used to pay for the music and banquet of the invited guests.

At a special Town Meeting the Board of Engineers were instructed to change the financial year of the Fire Department to correspond with the financial year of the Town, but as no money was appropriated for that purpose we were unable to do so this year.

In conclusion, we would thank the members of the Department and all who have in any way assisted the Department the past year,

and especially the Reading Rubber Mills for the free use of steam for the fire whistle, and the Boston and Northern Street Railway Company for the free use of their current for charging the storage battery.

FRANK G. NICHOLS, *Chief Engineer.*

GEORGE L. PRATT, *Secretary.*

ORVILLE O. ORDWAY, *Asst. Engineer.*

Board of Engineers, Reading Fire Dept.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FIRES FOR THE YEAR 1903

Date	Box	Time	Owner	Occupants	Loss on Building	Ins. on Build'g	Ins. Paid	Loss on Contents	Ins. on Cont'ts	Ins. Paid	Cause and Remarks
Jan. 3	15	8.20 p m	A. L. Esterberg.....	A. L. Esterberg.....	\$20	\$1800	\$20	\$50	\$2500	\$50	Overtured Lamp
Jan. 6	17	10.03 p m	E. F. Johnson.....	E. F. Johnson.....	None	None	None	None	None	None	Kerosene Lamp Explosion
Feb. 14	26	2.53 a m	S. P. Burton, Jr.....	S. P. Burton, Jr.....	100	None	None	None	None	None	Incendiary.....
Mar. 11	34	10.03 p m	M. E. Brande	Borthwick Bros., G. T.	475			225			False Alarm.....
Mar. 19	17	12.35 p m	Lyceum Hall Ass'n ..	Eames and W. Ellis..							Unknown
Apr. 11	62	7.00 p m	H. LaClair	L G Bent, W Hodgkins	None			None			Chimney Burned Out.....
May 1	37	9.10 a m		H. LaClair.....	None			None			Brush Fire.....
May 5	29	11.45 a m									Brush Fire.....
May 20	18	1.15 p m									Brush Fire.....
May 20	18	4.00 p m									Brush Fire.....
May 22	39	1.40 p m									Brush Fire.....
May 24	24	3.15 p m									Brush Fire.....
May 25	16	1.10 p m									Brush Fire.....
May 27	28	10.15 p m									False Alarm.....
May 30	16	11.50 p m	Laura A. Paul.....	Laura A. Paul.....	1000	1000	Unsett'l'd				Incendiary.....
June 4	25	2.40 p m	Fowle, Leonard, Chas.	Unoccupied.....	125						Brush Fire.....
June 6	17	2.15 a m	Tillinghast, Executors								Incendiary
June 19	35	1.05 a m	G. H. Buckle.....	G. H. Buckle.....	300	300	300	2500	1500	1500	False Alarm
July 3	25	10.20 p m									False Alarm
July 4	27	2.15 a m									Call to Stoneham.....
July 5	64	1.45 a m									Incendiary.....
July 7	41	3.15 a m						400		35	Oil Stove.....
July 22	26	11.57 a m						35			Chimney Burned Out...
Oct. 10	18	4.00 p m	Lister Fielding.....	Lister Fielding.....	None			None			False Alarm.....
Oct. 26	61	6.15 p m	B. Hunter.....		None						False Alarm
Oct. 26	45	8.26 p m									Brush Fire.....
Dec. 16	64	6.20 p m									

The Department has travelled 297 miles. Laid 10,900 feet of hose. Used 213 feet of ladders. Used 24 gallons of chemicals. Served 30 hours.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$3,600 00
" Field Day	150 00
" Storage Battery	700 00
Amount received from J. B. Lewis, Jr., one-half expense of building fence	7 85

EXPENDED

F. G. Nichols, salary chief engineer, year ending April 30, 1903	\$75 00	
G. L. Pratt, salary engineer, Nov. 1, 1902, April 30, 1903	35 00	
G. L. Pratt, postage	1 50	
O. O. Ordway, salary engineer, year ending April 30, 1903	60 00	
L. T. Eames, salary engineer Steamer 1, year ending Dec. 31, 1903	75 00	
L. T. Eames, labor and supplies	11 50	
Adolph Turner, salary ass't engineer Steam- er 1, June 1, 1902, to April 30, 1903	45 83	
W. H. Bancroft, steward Hose 2, year end- ing Oct. 31, 1903	65 00	
E. H. Crowe, steward H. & L. No. 1, year ending April 30, 1903	35 00	
H. E. McIntire, steward Hose 4, May 1, 1902, to Aug. 31, 1903	40 00	
Firemen's pay roll year ending April 30, 1903	1,323 49	
R. A. White, horse service	200 00	
E. P. Bancroft, "	103 00	
Parker Nichols, "	35 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$2,105 32</u>	<u>\$4,457 85</u>

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,105 32	\$4,457 85
John Stock, horse service	225 00	
G. A. Shackford & Son, horse service	250 00	
Borthwick Bros., carriage hire	1 00	
Cummings' Express, expressing	6 30	
American Express Co., expressing	65	
W. H. Wightman, insurance	23 00	
F. W. Davis, repairs	7 70	
O. O. Ordway, "	26 20	
Sam'l Brown, "	1 75	
Parker Nichols, steward Hose 3, year ending April 30, 1903	30 00	
John Stock, labor	9 00	
F. A. Butters, labor and supplies	10 70	
W. F. Cook, labor and supplies	16 02	
J. M. Saunders, building fence	10 00	
Chas. J. Haag, labor and care of hose	63 75	
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., supplies	5 95	
H. K. Barnes, "	3 00	
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., "	5 50	
Boston Excelsior Co., "	3 50	
Pettingill, Andrews' Co., "	72	
T. F. Hannaford, "	4 50	
W. C. Taylor, "	11 00	
F. Wallace, "	50	
Francis Bros., "	20 73	
George H. Atkinson, "	3 72	
W. Bancroft & Co., "	19 82	
A. W. Danforth, "	75	
C. L. Martin, fuel	8 67	
C. K. Littlefield, care of flag	2 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,876 75	\$4,457 85

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,876 75	\$4,457 85
J. B. Logan, labor	23 50	
Chas. E. Berry, harness, etc.	22 65	
S. S. Bell, Mgr., electric light and supplies	20 59	
Reading Water Works, water rates	18 14	
Field Day expenses	150 00	
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	\$3,111 63	

FIRE ALARM

EXPENDED

L. T. Eames, salary Supt. fire alarm, year ending Dec. 31, 1903	\$100 00	
L. T. Eames, labor, material and car fare	71 56	
Merrill Hutchinson, lettering signs	2 00	
F. W. Danforth, lettering signs	6 50	
O. P. Symonds & Son, labor and material	14 50	
James A. Healey Co., " " "	2 25	
T. C. Fife, " " "	17 12	
Morrison Merrill, labor	16 25	
J. W. Gleason, "	49 43	
H. F. Haag, "	10 00	
F. G. Nichols, "	25 00	
W. H. Lynch, repairs	6 50	
R. A. White, horse hire	2 00	
A. B. Mathews, horse hire	46 50	
Harry Walter, supplies	13 05	
Electric Gas Lighting Co., supplies	2 00	
Pettingill, Andrews Co., supplies	1 15	
Beattie Zinc Works, "	47 00	
Francis Bros., "	6 70	
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., "	108 88	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$548 39	\$4,457 85

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$548 39	\$4,457 85
W. Bancroft & Co., " . . .	4 13	
Cummings' Express, expressing . . .	5 90	
Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., storage battery . . .	850 00	
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	\$1,408 42	
Overdrawn		62 20
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	\$4,520 05	\$4,520 05

FOREST FIRES

Appropriation	\$150 00
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EXPENDED

Asa Parker, salary, two years ending April 30, 1903	\$30 00	
A. G. Nichols, salary, year ending April 30, 1903	15 00	
Jason Zwicker, salary, year ending April 30, 1903	15 00	
H. E. McIntire, salary, May 1, 1903, to Aug. 31, 1903	5 00	
M. E. Nichols, painting cans	1 21	
B. J. Lehan, sandwiches and coffee	1 50	
C. H. Frost, cans	7 80	
Labor	58 25	
Labor and teams	13 75	
Unexpended	2 49	
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	\$150 00	\$150 00

FIRE ALARM BOX NO. 41

(Green and Village Sts.)

Appropriation	\$75 00
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EXPENDED

Geo. M. Stevens Co., Inc., fire alarm box		
and keys	\$62 53	
L. T. Eames, installing same	3 49	
Unexpended	8 98	
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	\$75 00	\$75 00

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

READING, JAN. 1, 1904.

To the Board of Fire Engineers of the Reading Fire Department :

I submit the following report. There has been added to the Fire Alarm System during the year one box, No. 41, corner of Village and Green sts. The gravity battery has been replaced by a system of storage batteries giving entire satisfaction.

The system now consists of 150 jars of storage battery, one 5 circuit repeater, one steam whistle, two tower strikers, and 33 boxes.

LOCATION OF BOXES

- 13—Corner of Ash and Avon Sts.
- 15—Corner of Walnut St. and Summer Ave.
- 16—Main St., near South.
- 17—Lincoln St., near Depot.
- 18—Park Ave., corner of Minot St.
- 22—No session, High School House.
- 23—Corner of Woburn and Temple Sts.
- 24—Mineral St., corner of Hancock.
- 25—Prospect St., near King.
- 26—Hose 2 House, Woburn St.
- 27—Summer Ave., south of Prescott St.

- 28—West St., near W. A. Bancroft's.
- 29—Corner of West and King Sts.
- 32—Franklin St., opp. second house from Grove.
- 33—Lowell St., Eastern Rubber Co. Works.
- 34—Corner of Grove and Forest Sts.
- 35—Corner of Main and Locust Sts.
- 36—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Locust St.
- 37—Main St., near Brooks Nichols'.
- 39—Corner of Franklin and Main Sts.
- 41—Corner of Village and Green Sts.
- 42—Corner of John and Haven Sts.
- 44—Corner of Salem and Pearl Sts.
- 45—Corner of Salem and Belmont Sts.
- 46—Corner of Charles and Pearl Sts.
- 47—Corner of Haverhill and Charles Sts.
- 55—Reading Rubber Mills.
- 61—Corner of Main and Washington Sts.
- 62—Corner of Main and Haven Sts.
- 63—Congregational Church.
- 64—Central Fire Station.
- 65—Corner of Bancroft Ave. and Middlesex Ave.
- 67—Corner of High St. and Middlesex Ave.

Owing to the number of false alarms that have been rung in, the keys from boxes 13, 15, 16, 24, 27, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 44, 45, 46, 47, 67 have been taken from the boxes and placed in the houses near by.

Would recommend* that some of the old wire should be replaced with new.

Yours respectfully,

LEONARD T. EAMES,

Supt. Fire Alarm.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$2,600 00
Amount received from 4th District Court fines	82 00
Amount received from Master of House of Correction	9 00
Amount received from State Board of Charities, transportation of patients	25 00
Amount received from Danvers Insane Hospital, transportation of patient	6 00

EXPENDED

F. D. Merrill, salary, 1903	\$780 00	
F. D. Merrill, miscellaneous expenses	10 85	
F. D. Merrill, transportation of prisoners	29 02	
F. D. Merrill, posting warrants	2 00	
F. D. Merrill, use of horse	25 00	
J. H. Orr, salary, 1903	780 00	
W. H. Manning, salary, 1903	780 00	
Robert Powers, special police	138 68	
C. W. MacDougall, special police	16 75	
E. L. Lovejoy, special police	3 00	
B. F. Manning, special police	5 75	
Samuel Brown, special police	6 00	
J. J. Cullinane, special police	2 50	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,579 55	\$2,722 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,579 55	\$2,722 00
Asa Parker, special police . . .	7 50	
R. J. Lefave, special police . . .	9 85	
Clement Gleason, special police . . .	2 50	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone rent . . .	64 45	
Borthwick Bros., carriage hire . . .	6 75	
G. A. Shackford & Son, carriage hire . . .	6 00	
S. W. Bowker, carriage hire . . .	8 00	
R. A. White, carriage hire . . .	21 00	
Cummings' Express, expressing . . .	75	
A. S. Cook & Co., blankets . . .	1 97	
Berry & Rich, disinfectant . . .	50	
T. C. Fife, labor and material . . .	3 36	
Merrill Hutchinson, lettering curtain . . .	4 16	
L. T. Eames, installing electric lights . . .	8 81	
Overdrawn		3 15
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	\$2,725 15	\$2,725 15

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

JANUARY 1, 1904.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Reading :

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor of submitting to you the annual report of the doings and condition of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1903.

This Department at present consists of
Chief, Frederic D. Merrill.

Patrolmen, J. Henry Orr, Wm. H. Manning.

Reserves, Chester McDougall, Jason Zwicker, John Stock, Jeremiah J. Cullinane, Robert Powers, Samuel Brown, Reuben J. LeFave, Eugene L. Lovejoy, Asa Parker.

Keeper of Lockup, Frederic D. Merrill.

Number of arrests during the year 76

ARREST BY MONTHS

January	3	.	.	Males	3	.	.	
February	5	.	.	"	5	.	.	
March	5	.	.	"	4	.	.	Females 1
April	7	.	.	"	6	.	.	" 1
May	5	.	.	"	4	.	.	" 1
June	6	.	.	"	6	.	.	
July	13	.	.	"	13	.	.	
August	8	.	.	"	8	.	.	
September	5	.	.	"	5	.	.	

Trespass	1
Vagrants	1
Violation of Town By-Law	1
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	76

DISPOSITION OF CASES

Discharged	8
Delivered to other officers	7
Fined	26
Committed for non-payment	6
Sentenced to House of Correction	11
Placed on file	6
Committed to State Hospital	6
Held for Grand Jury	2
Nol prossed	1
Still in Court	2
Committed to Home for Destitute	1
Rec'd from Fourth Dis't Court for fines	\$87 00
Rec'd from House of Correction for fines	9 00
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	\$96 00
Rec'd from Middlesex County	25 00
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	\$121 00

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Accidents	3
Amount of property reported stolen	\$333 00
Amount of property recovered	\$233 00
Buildings found open and secured	87
Cases investigated	33
Court attendance, days	126

Dangerous poles, etc.	4
Dangerous dogs reported	4
Dead bodies cared for	3
Defective street lamps and wires reported	14
Dog notices served	4
Disturbances suppressed	3
Dogs killed	18
Defective streets and sidewalks	6
Fire alarms given	3
Fires extinguished without alarm	1
Horses found cast	6
Horses killed	1
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	4
Lost children found and restored	2
Street obstructions removed	4
Stray teams put up	1
Sick and injured persons assisted	3
Officers at fires	43
Officers at special occasions	68
Notices posted	60

MORALE OF THE TOWN AND FORCE

No very serious offences have occurred the past year; good order has generally prevailed. No serious accidents have occurred on the highways—none, I think, where the Town could be held liable.

A police force, by the very nature of its work and organization, must be subject to strict discipline.

The ideal policeman is noted for his universal good conduct and behavior at all times, both on and off duty, with a quiet dignity of manner, with his eyes and ears always open, and he never talks while on duty, unless he has "something to say."

The year just closed has been a creditable one in the work of

this Department. The conduct of the officers has been excellent. It has been the constant effort of the officers to discharge the duties devolving upon them without undue officiousness or an assumption of arbitrary power, at the same time having due regard for the maintenance of good order and a fair enforcement of the laws and ordinances. We do not expect to escape criticism.

Often harsh criticism is made when, if the true facts were fully known, commendation would be in order.

The time has arrived when it is very desirable, and in fact is absolutely necessary, that immediate action should be taken to secure the services of another patrolman for day duty. And I shall ask for an appropriation sufficient for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

To your Honorable Board I hereby extend thanks for courtesy and kindness accorded me on all occasions. Also to the Judges and Clerks of the District and Superior Courts.

Most respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Reading :

Your Board of Health herewith renders its annual report for the year 1903 :

Number of cases of contagious diseases reported.			17
Diphtheria		3	
Scarlet fever		5	
Typhoid fever		6	
Measles		3	
Number of rooms fumigated			34
Complaints of nuisances			13
Examinations for plumbers' licenses			3
Plumbers' certificates issued			3
Permits to do plumbing granted			67
Permits to lay drains			28
Number of returns of death received			75
Burial permits issued			75
Causes of death :			
Apoplexy	5	Accident	2
Brights disease	1	Bronchitis	2
Bantis disease	1	Carcimona	3
Capillary bronchitis	2	Cerebral hemor'ge	3
Cardiac dilatation	1	Cancer	4
Chronic nephritis	1	Convulsions	1
Diabetes	2	Disease of heart	3
Disease unknown	1	Endocarditis	2

Erysipelas	1	Gastritis	1
Gastro enteritis	1	Gangrene	1
Leukremia	1	La grippe	1
Myocarditis	2	Metrol Insufficiency	1
Malnutrition	1	Meningitis	2
Obstructive jaundice	1	Old age	2
Paresis	1	Paralysis	1
Phthisis Pulmonalis	4	Pulmonary Tuber-	
Pneumonia	6	[culosis	7
Pernicious anæmia	1	Rheumatism	1
Still born	2	Septisaemia	1
Tubercular laryngitis	1	Typhoid fever	1

Deaths by months :

January	15	July	7
February	7	August	7
March	7	September	3
April	8	October	4
May	1	November	4
June	3	December	9

Total 75

The duties of the Board of Health are marked with something of a sameness from year to year ; but in this instance two exceptions must be noted : we are called upon by the city of Cambridge to pay one hundred and forty dollars (\$140) for the treatment of a scarlet fever case, the patient having legal residence in this town. No good reason appears why this bill should not be paid.

Last year the Board of Health of the city of Melrose notified this Board that there was a case of small pox in their hospital, the expense of which would be chargeable to Reading. The bill, amounting to \$471.61, having been received, the members of this

Board pronounced it exorbitant and took no further notice of it. Suit has now been brought by Melrose. We await your instructions at the annual meeting.

We earnestly hope for an early and satisfactory solution of the sewage problem.

Respectfully submitted,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON,	}	Board of Health.
GEO. L. FLINT,		
FREDERIC D. MERRILL, Sec'y,		

BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation	\$600 00
Cash refunded	4 30

EXPENDED

G. S. Tukey, salary, Inspector of Plumbing	\$200 00
G. S. Tukey, labor fumigating	5 00
C. W. MacDougall, salary, Inspector of Plumbing	100 00
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V., salary, Inspector of Slaughter Houses, Meats and Provisions	50 00
F. D. Merrill, stationery	2 12
Melvin & Badger, repairing regenerator .	3 00
L. T. Eames, electrical supplies . .	2 20
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, letterheads .	3 50
J. C. Oxley, disinfectant	16 00
E. C. Metcalf, window shades	3 80

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$385 62	\$604 30
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$385 62	\$604 30
H. B. Howard, rent to Oct. 24, 1903 .	80 00	
H. B. Howard, cleaning office . . .	1 00	
American Express, expressing . . .	2 55	
Cummings' Express, expressing . . .	8 90	
Unexpended	126 23	
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	\$604 30	\$604 30

PLUMBING

To the Honorable Board of Health, Town of Reading :

GENTLEMEN : I respectfully submit to you the following report of duty performed from Jan. 1st, 1903, to Jan. 1st, 1904 :

Applications filed	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Left over	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Water closets set	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	40
Bath tubs trapped	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Bowls trapped	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
Sinks trapped	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	68
Trays trapped	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Alterations	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

All work has been inspected, tested and left in safe and satisfactory condition. Work inspected by Chester MacDougall, David Taggart, Greenleaf S. Tukey.

I thank the Secretary, also the Board, the craft, and all concerned, for kind co-operation, also for kindness during my late illness.

Respectfully submitted,

G. S. TUKEY, *Inspector.*

JAN. 1ST, 1904.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

READING, JAN. 7TH, 1904.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1903 :

	CORRECT	ADJ.	C. D.	TOTAL
No. of scales over 5000 lbs.	2	2		4
" " " under " "	11	6		17
" " small scales	29	19		48
" " pan scales	17			17
" " family scales	5	1		6
" " computing scales	5			5
" " ice scales	4	1		5
" " weights	243	21		264
" " spring balances	5			5
" " dry measures	66		1	67
" " wet measures	29			29
" " milk measures	17			17
" " yard sticks	19			19
" " bottles	3818		17	3835

Received for work done outside of office, \$4.43,

I have in my charge one set of brass scales and weights, one set of copper wine measures, one nest of dry measures, 500 lbs. of 50 lb. weights, and one 10 lb. and one 5 lb.; one set of numbers from 0 up to 9, three letters, two R's and C. D., one glass cutter; all in good order.

Respectfully yours,

FRANK W. PARKER,

S. of W. and M.

TRUSTEES LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

READING, JAN. 25, 1904.

To the Selectmen :

The Trustees take satisfaction in being able this year to ask for a considerably decreased sum than it has been customary for the Town to allot yearly for the regular purposes of the cemetery.

We estimate the sum of \$600 will be sufficient the coming year. The increase of receipts from the sale of lots makes this possible.

The Trustees could expend a much larger sum to good advantage, but the amount asked will permit a continuance of the general plan of improvements, which are contributing yearly to what some day will be a harmonious whole.

We have finished the laying of curved edgestones leading from the Lowell st. entrance and the result in improved appearance more than justifies the outlay. We hope to make satisfactory arrangements with the School Committee to put in edgestones matching those in the cemetery along the High School grounds, when the improvement to both properties will be apparent.

An iron gate has been erected at the Highland st. entrance which serves well the purposes of convenience and ornamentation.

The improvements at the southeast corner abutting Main st. and the Old South property, consisting of removing the shrub growth and grading, has made an objectionable corner presentable and a source of additional attractiveness to the cemetery.

The past year has continued to demonstrate the good fortune of the Town in being able to command the services of so interested and capable a Superintendent as Dr. Danforth, and his assistant Jason Zwicker has proved the right man in the right place.

For the coming year we recommend that the sum of \$600 be appropriated as mentioned previously ; also the unexpended balance and the receipts from the sale of lots.

GALEN A. PARKER, *Chairman*,
A. W. DANFORTH, *Secretary*,
ALDEN BATCHELDER,
F. L. EDGERLEY,
H. T. LEAVIS,
W. E. TWOMBLY,

Trustees Laurel Hill Cemetery.

LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation	\$900 00
Unexpended balance, interest on cemetery bequests	417 75
Interest on cemetery bequests, 1903 .	305 29
Amount received from sale of lots and graves	740 00

EXPENDED

Fred Wallace, tools and grass seed . .	\$7 15
Wakefield Daily Item, printing . .	3 50
W. B. Jeffreys & Co., plants . . .	13 50
W. H. Pond, shrubs	25 00
Chas. Ingram, flowers	24 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$73 15	\$2,363 04
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$73 15	\$2,363 04
W. C. Tingley, circle edgestones . . .	162 50	
John Muse, setting edgestones . . .	5 00	
E. T. Barnum, iron fence	146 50	
M. D. Jones & Co., vase and perpetual signs	25 30	
Hartford Rubber Works Co., rubber hose .	16 00	
W. Bancroft & Co., posts and lumber .	2 50	
Reading Water Works, labor and material	3 46	
Francis Bros., tools and supplies . . .	2 58	
O. O. Ordway, repairing tools	2 44	
Clarkson Parker, lot No. 100	75 00	
A. W. Danforth, salary Supt.	75 00	
Labor	534 70	
Labor and teams	648 94	
Unexpended	589 97	
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	\$2,363 04	\$2,363 04

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1903.

I have given permission for the removal of three Rock Maple trees on Temple st. opposite the property of Mr. C. L. Turner. These, with the exception of one or two dead trees, are the only trees that I have consented to have removed.

The work in connection with the removal of the nests of the Brown-tail Moth has been carried on as in the past. The total number of moths removed was about (9700) nine thousand seven hundred.

The same work will have to be done again next year, as the nests are still in evidence, as it is simply impossible to exterminate them, and all that can be done is to keep them in bounds by constantly looking after them every spring.

There has been no tree planting done this year, but I have had more or less urgent calls for some trimming, which I did, and which was necessary to be done on account of the decayed conditions of the limbs, which if left would be a menace to the traveling public.

I would recommend that \$200 be raised and appropriated for the use of the Tree Warden for 1904.

I thank you for the courtesies shown me and remain

Yours very respectfully,

A. CHANDLER MANNING.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation	\$200 00
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EXPENDED

Labor removing Brown-tail Moths	\$165 70	
Labor trimming trees	33 24	
Francis Bros., pruners	2 00	
Overdrawn		94
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	\$200 94	\$200 94

For balance of the expenditures account of Tree Warden see
Miscellaneous Expenses account.

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS

READING, MASS., JAN. 1, 1904.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

I herewith submit my report of the inspection of animals within the year 1903 :

Number of cattle kept within the town limits	401
Number of barns inspected	102
Number of sheep	6

I was ordered to make my annual inspection early in September, to be finished before Nov. 15. These regulations were complied with and reports sent to Mass. Board of Agriculture Cattle Bureau. The animals showing evidence of tuberculosis or other contagious disease were quarantined, duplicates being sent to State Board for attention.

Your inspector has investigated several cases in horses thought to be suspicious of contagious disease, but upon careful inspection only two proved to be of a serious nature and these were destroyed.

The farmers are still growing to realize how much better products can be obtained from clean, well kept, healthy cattle and premises and each inspection shows much improvement over the last.

I feel justified in saying that the sanitary conditions connected with many and, in fact, most of our dairies are second to none in

the State and within a short time the whole of our producing dairies will be in perfect condition.

The market products have been watched carefully and anything thought to be unfit for food destroyed.

I trust the townspeople will notify me of any suspicious case in either cattle or horses. This will be of great assistance in checking the spread of a disease which so often causes great loss to owners of stock.

Thanking the owners of stock for the assistance rendered when performing my duty, I remain,

Yours very truly,

CALVERT H. PLAYDON, M. D. V.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

We respectfully submit the following report of the valuation of real and personal property assessed in the Town of Reading during the year 1903, and also some other data of interest.

Value of real estate	\$4,067,868 00
Value of personal property, not including resident National Bank stock	\$488,704 00
Resident National Bank stock	33,400 00
Total value of personal property	<u>\$522,104 00</u>
Total value of real and personal property	\$4,589,972 00
Increase in value of real estate	\$ 117,650 00
Increase in value of personal estate	36,108 00
Value of buildings excluding land	2,503,055 00
Value of land excluding buildings	1,564,813 00
Total tax assessed on polls and estates	
May 1, 1903	\$88,073 58
Tax on real estate	\$75,259 89
Tax on personal estate	9,627 69
Tax on polls	3,156 00
	<u>\$88,073 58</u>
Tax assessed on polls since May 1, 1903	2 00
Personal tax	2 31
Street railway excise tax	2,075 48
	<u>\$90,153 37</u>

State Highway tax	\$ 53 50
State tax	3,800 00
County tax	4,977 69
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	\$8,831 19
Total tax for Town purposes	<hr/> \$81,322 18
Rate of taxation, \$18.50.	
Total number of persons assessed on property	1531
Total number of persons assessed a poll tax only	876
Number of polls May 1, 1903	1578
Number of polls added since	1
Total polls assessed	1579
Increased number of polls for 1903	31
Number of horses	405
“ “ cows	307
“ “ neat cattle	46
“ “ sheep	10
“ “ swine	167
“ “ fowls	4640
“ “ dwellings	1265
“ “ new dwellings	7
“ “ acres of land	5734

Valuation, tax rate and amount of money raised and appropriated at periods of five years from 1870 to 1900 :

1870	Total valuation of Town	\$1,812,245 00
	Total tax assessed	\$28,282 59
	Rate per \$1,000	\$14 48
1875	Total valuation	\$2,367,018 00
	Total tax assessed	\$36,773 34
	Rate per \$1,000	\$14 60

1880	Total valuation	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,457,816	00
	Total tax assessed	.	.	.	.	.	\$27,540	00
	Rate per \$1,000	.	.	.	.	.	\$10	50
1885	Total valuation	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,363,942	00
	Total tax assessed	.	.	.	.	.	\$27,320	07
	Rate per \$1,000	.	.	.	.	.	\$10	80
1890	Total valuation	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,837,130	00
	Total tax assessed	.	.	.	.	.	\$42,584	96
	Rate per \$1,000	.	.	.	.	.	\$14	30
1895	Total valuation	.	.	.	.	.	\$3,691,507	00
	Total tax assessed	.	.	.	.	.	\$59,798	35
	Rate per \$1,000	.	.	.	.	.	\$15	50
1900	Total valuation	.	.	.	.	.	\$4,412,574	00
	Total tax assessed	.	.	.	.	.	\$84,604	31
	Rate per \$1,000	.	.	.	.	.	\$18	50

EDWARD F. PARKER,
J. H. ADDEN,
MILLARD F. CHARLES,

Assessors of Reading.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

H. M. VIALI, *Collector*,

TO TOWN OF READING

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To am't collected after abatement, 1900	\$13 22
Uncollected taxes, 1900	237 23
" " 1901	12,573 27
" " 1902	26,976 52
Am't collected account Redemption .	6 00
Committed list, 1903	88,073 58
Additional list, "	18 31
Excise tax	2,075 48
Interest, 1900	19 07
" 1901	1,040 99
" 1902	591 51
" 1903	82 79

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By refund	\$20 59
" cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas., ac- count 1900	248 93
" cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas., ac- count 1901	13,614 26
" cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas., ac- count 1902	16,400 00

Amount carried forward

\$131,707 97 \$30,283 78

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$131,707 97	\$30,283 78
By cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas., ac- count 1903		56,925 00
“ cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas., ac- count Redemption		6 00
“ cash paid E. F. Parker, Treas., ac- count excise tax		2,075 48
“ uncollected taxes, 1902		11,168 03
“ “ “ 1903		31,249 68
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	\$131,707 97	\$131,707 97

H. M. VIALI, *Collector.*

Reading, Jan. 20, 1904.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading :

We respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

TOWN HOME

Total number of inmates during the year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Died during the year	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Number discharged	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Number at present time	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8

NUMBER OF PERSONS AIDED OUTSIDE OF TOWN HOME

Full support at Insane Hospital	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Temporary aid granted, adults	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29
“ “ “ children	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Tramps	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	410

The average number of inmates at the Town Home has been much larger than for many years, while our calls for aid outside the Home have been a trifle less, the hospital account you will note also showing a decrease. At the beginning of the year when called upon for our recommendation for the appropriation for this Department, we were of the opinion that there would be a large decrease in our calls for assistance during 1903, and we accordingly recommended the sum which was afterwards appropriated by the Town. We regret to state that we were in error in our estimate and that there is such a large overdraw in the Poor Account. You will note the small number of tramps lodged, and it may be also interesting

to compare the past year with the year 1894, when 1234 were entertained by this Department.

On Jan. 1st, 1904, the Commonwealth assumes the care of the Insane, which will cause a reduction in the appropriation this Board will recommend for the Poor Department the ensuing year. The Town's proportion of the expense for the care of the Insane will necessarily appear in the State tax, and whether or not there will be any financial saving to the Town can only be determined after a trial of the new system. There will certainly be a saving of labor to the Overseers of the Poor in the various cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

The work in this Department is continually increasing. Every call for aid requires prompt investigation and a large amount of detail work to determine place of settlement of the applicant. Other Departments in the Town we believe are similarly effected and it occurs to this Board that in the very near future it would be economy and much more satisfactory for the Town to employ one clerk to devote his entire time to all the Departments, with an office open during the business hours of every day, and prepared to give all information desired. Our financial statement will be found on succeeding pages.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,

Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN HOME

INMATES

James Hunter	Aged 60 years
William S. Pease	" 74 "
Margaret Sullivan, discharged April 28, 1903 ; readmitted May 4th, 1903	" 70 "
Henry W. Weston	" 56 "
Charles H. Ballard, discharged May 13, 1903 ; readmitted Oct. 29, 1903	" 57 "
Joseph Stokes, admitted May 24, 1903 ; discharged Aug. 4, 1903	" 52 "
Addie E. Fielding, admitted July 17, 1903	" 31 "
Marion E. Fielding, admitted July 17, 1903 ; discharged Oct. 21, 1903	" 7 "
Blanche G. Fielding, admitted July 17, 1903 ; discharged Oct. 21, 1903	" 4 "
Gladys B. Fielding, admitted July 17, 1903	9 mos.
John H. Daland, admitted July 22, 1903	" 79 years
Louisa M. Daland, admitted July 22, 1903 ; died Oct. 20, 1903	" 80 "
Mary L. H. Parker, admitted Jan. 22, 1903 ; discharged April 31, 1903	" 60 "

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN HOME

JAN. 1, 1904

Live stock	\$290 00
Hay and grain	89 50
Wagons and sleighs	148 00
Manure	37 00

Amount carried forward \$564 50

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$565 50
Farming tools and implements	148 70
Harnesses, blankets, etc.	66 50
Barrels, boxes and baskets	31 10
Fuel	37 00
Beds, bedding, etc.	94 45
Household furniture and utensils . . .	376 75
Provisions and supplies	130 90
Two snow plows	20 00
Spraying apparatus	65 00
	<hr/> \$1,534 90

TOWN HOME

RECEIPTS

Amount received from sale of milk and eggs	\$ 25 77
Amount received from sale of poultry	1 00
Amount received from sale of apples	5 50
Amount received from sale of junk	25
Amount received from sale of cow and calf	52 50
Amount received from sale of vinegar	9 10
Amount received from sale of wood	11 00
Amount received from sale of gravel	35 85
Amount received from W. F. Burnham, board	105 02
Amount received for spraying trees	59 13
Amount received from labor, mowing	3 20
Amount received from labor, removing snow	20 76
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$329 08

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$329 08
Amount received from labor on highway	2 00
Amount received from labor moving tree	12 00
Amount received for bill overpaid	5 97
Amount received for distributing Town Reports, 1902	10 00
Amount received for witness fees in Fielding case	9 05
Cash received from C. H. Ballard	3 00
Cash received from Joseph Stokes	3 25

EXPENDED

J. F. Burnham, salary	\$499 94
J. F. Burnham, soap and washing powder, clothing for Fielding children, vegetables, meadow grass, expressing and sundry expenses	68 07
Georgie Burnett, wages	47 00
Katie O'Hearn, wages	1 50
Hattie O'Connell, wages	55 99
Minnie Hutt, wages	23 50
Mary J. Monahan, wages	21 13
Mrs. McIntire, labor	1 53
Mrs. Pratt, labor	1 50
Mrs. Milbury, labor	4 00
J. F. Burnham, two bedsteads, springs and mattresses	8 00
J. F. Burnham, expense of Fielding case	4 00
C. L. Martin, fuel	150 75

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$886 91	\$374 35
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$886 91	\$374 35
W. Bancroft & Co., labor and supplies .	5 45	
Nathan Bancroft Est., shoes and repairs .	11 95	
C. D. Wells, horse shoeing . . .	9 88	
J. L. Eisenhaure, fuel	18 00	
Hattie Forbes, wages	10 50	
Bowker Insecticide Co., spraying supplies .	30 39	
W. J. Munroe, garden seed	4 13	
W. H. Wightman, insurance	15 00	
F. H. Dewey, hay	51 28	
A. W. Danforth, medicine	10 20	
J. C. Oxley, medicine	16 15	
W. H. Willis, medicine	11 35	
E. E. Nichols, ice	14 35	
Charles Wakefield, vegetables	1 65	
Hall & Macfarland, shoes	3 00	
A. Hodson, repairs	15 55	
Wm. Taylor, meat and vegetables . . .	82 82	
H. S. Buck, meat and provisions . . .	5 49	
C. L. Nichols, meat and provisions . . .	19 94	
A. S. Nichols, meat and provisions, 1902 .	4 67	
A. S. Nichols, slaughtering hogs . . .	3 00	
A. S. Nichols, meat and provisions . . .	13 60	
E. L. Chamberlain, meat and provisions .	54 65	
Berry & Rich, meat and provisions . . .	54 57	
E. B. Stewart, crackers	26 14	
C. F. Nichols, fish, 1900	4 82	
Thomas Ovans, fish	53 24	
E. C. Metcalf, crockery, supplies . . .	9 20	
H. O. Copeland & Co., dry goods . . .	7 92	
A. S. Cook & Co., dry goods	9 31	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$1,395 11	<hr/> \$374 35

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,395 11	\$374 35
F. G. MacDonald, dry goods	13 31	
Francis Bartley, clothing and supplies .	29 35	
Reading Co-op. Ass'n, grain and groceries	109 31	
W. H. Mears, grain and groceries . . .	170 50	
F. Wallace, grain and groceries . . .	158 99	
Geo. H. Atkinson, grain and groceries .	219 74	
Cummings' Express, expressing . . .	3 40	
T. C. Fife, pipe fitting and supplies . .	15 31	
Francis Bros., house furnishings and hard- ware	65 40	
R. C. Totten, repairs	6 95	
Reading Water Works, water rates . . .	33 68	
Carried to Poor Account		1,916 70
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	\$2,291 05	\$2,291 05

POOR OUT OF TOWN HOME

EXPENDED

Agnes E. Brown, hospital service . . .	\$25 29	
Delia Brown, board	10 71	
Edw. Brown, board	6 43	
Frank A. Brown and family, physician's services	7 50	
Wm. H. Burnham and family, groceries and fuel	174 12	
Joel O. Cederburg and family, fuel and sup- plies	183 65	
Matilda Coulter and family, fuel . . .	19 35	
John H. Daland and family, groceries, fuel, medicine and medical attendance . .	236 72	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>	\$663 77

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$663 77
Mrs. W. T. Eames and family, supplies . . .	160 00
Jane Green, fuel and groceries . . .	1 49
Frank L. Johnson and family, fuel . . .	8 50
Annie Kent, hospital services . . .	74 85
Wm. Leonard and family, rent . . .	91 00
Miscellaneous expenses . . .	2 66
Elizabeth H. Porter, fuel, provisions, supplies and funeral expenses . . .	146 12
Mary T. Roach and family, fuel and groceries . . .	81 94
Margaret E. Russell, hospital services . . .	18 00
Joseph Stokes, board and physician's services . . .	33 75
George A. Stratton and family, supplies . . .	33 25
John Walsh and family, groceries, medicine and medical attendance . . .	54 90
Elmira Weston, supplies . . .	101 85
Carried to Poor account . . . ———	\$1,472 08

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT

Danvers Insane Hospital :

Henry C. Brown, board . . .	\$169 47
Sarah E. Damon, " . . .	104 46
Josephine Devine, " . . .	169 46
Ernest Hazelton, " . . .	169 46
Mary P. Foley, " . . .	169 47
Sumner McAllister, " . . .	169 47
Levi W. Newell, " . . .	138 36
Olive P. Roundy, " . . .	169 47

Worcester Insane Hospital :

Henry S. Buck, board . . .	169 46
Carried to Poor account . . . ———	\$1,429 08

TRAMP ACCOUNT

F. D. Merrill, supplies	\$2 70	
Carried to Poor Account		\$2 70

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING

Amount received from the Commonwealth of Mass.	\$49 15	
Amount due from Commonwealth of Mass.		49 50

EXPENDED

Annie L. Melonson and family, fuel . .	\$35 00	
Mrs. Charles Carr, fuel and groceries .	6 75	
Annie Burke and family, fuel	14 60	
Bridget Greeley and family, fuel and groceries	12 30	
Joseph P. Oliver and family, groceries .	3 00	
Mary O'Brien, nurse and medical attendance	25 00	
Ernest Hill and family, groceries . . .	2 00	
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	\$98 65	\$98 65

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WOBURN

Amount received from City of Woburn	\$53 40	
Amount due from City of Woburn .		46 16

EXPENDED

Robt. C. Smith and family, groceries, fuel and provisions	\$61 65	
Richard Burke and family, groceries .	37 91	
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	\$99 56	\$99 56

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF MELROSE

Amount due from City of Melrose		\$17 00
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EXPENDED

Peter Ainsworth and family, fuel	\$17 00	
	<u>\$17 00</u>	<u>\$17 00</u>

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CITY OF WALTHAM

Amount received from City of Waltham	\$96 00
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Amount due from City of Waltham	10 00
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EXPENDED

Mrs. Frank A. Carey and family, supplies	\$106 00	
	<u>\$106 00</u>	<u>\$106 00</u>

TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Amount due from Town of Wilmington	\$20 63
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EXPENDED

Edmund White and family, groceries, fuel and provisions	\$20 63	
	<u>\$20 63</u>	<u>\$20 63</u>

TOWN OF SAUGUS

Amount due from Town of Saugus	\$117 13
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EXPENDED

Eliza C. Amerige, groceries, fuel, provisions, nurse, medicine and medical attendance	\$117 13	
	<u>\$117 13</u>	<u>\$117 13</u>

SUMMARY

Appropriation	.	.	.	.	.		\$4,000 00
EXPENDED							
Net expenses Town Home	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,916 70	
Poor out of Town Home	1,472 08	
Hospital account	1,429 08	
Tramp account	2 70	
Overdrawn		820 56
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						\$4,820 56	\$4,820 5

TOWN OF READING.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

**WATER
COMMISSIONERS**



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1903.

OFFICERS OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

HENRY R. JOHNSON, <i>Chairman</i>	.	Term expires 1904
EARLE H. GOWING,	. . . . .	" " 1905
GEORGE A. SHACKFORD,	. . . . .	" " 1906

Superintendent and Registrar

LEWIS M. BANCROFT

Engineer at Pumping Station

FRANK F. STROUT

Assistant Engineer

ALBION G. NICHOLS

OFFICE OF WATER BOARD

Room 2, Masonic Block

OFFICE HOURS

8.30 to 11 A. M., 2.30 to 4 P. M., except Saturday.

Saturday: 8.30 to 12 M., 7.30 to 9 P. M.

To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Water Commissioners hereby submit their fourteenth annual report.

MAINTENANCE

Received fines and summons . . .		\$7 40
Paid Engineering News	\$ 5 00	
S. S. Bell, manager electric lights . .	33 26	
Reading Masonic Temple Corp., rent	132 00	
Engineering Record	5 00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephones . .	34 82	
L. T. Eames, wiring and fixtures . .	20 20	
J. A. Murphy, repairing clock . . .	1 50	
The Bristol Co., dials	1 97	
Little, Brown & Co., books	7 00	
Francis Bros.	1 20	
Harley Prentiss, P. M., stamped envelopes	46 90	
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing . .	30 40	
Thorp & Martin Co., books	65 50	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, lumber . . .	1 00	
Frost & Adams Co., paper	1 20	
S. M. Spencer Mfg. Co., rep. rubber stamp	1 00	
Library Bureau cards	1 00	
Pay roll	1,371 00	
A. W. Danforth, floor oil	1 25	
American Express Co.	15	
Car fares	12 35	
Ink, stationery, etc.	5 80	
Balance		1,772 10
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	\$1,779 50	\$1,779 50

PUMPING STATION MAINTENANCE

Paid W. A. Jepson, coal	\$688 24
M. H. O'Brien, repairing brick work	36 00
S. S. Bell, manager electric lights	27 45
R. A. White, teaming coal	40 00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone	41 72
H. R. Johnson, outside windows	12 91
W. F. Cook, painting	18 00
S. W. Bowker, teaming coal	90 25
Ashton Valve Co., rep. safety valve	4 00
B. & M. R. R., freight	239 41
Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co., pump repairs	18 68
Electric Gas Lighting Co., fixtures	1 82
Francis Bros., fittings	11 43
C. L. Martin, teaming coal	7 50
Municipal Light Dept., coal	74 25
Geo. W. Knowlton Rubber Co., pack- ing	26 82
Walworth Mfg. Co.	3 38
Beattie Zinc Works, zincs	1 00
Eagle Oil and Supply Co., oil, waste	73 25
W. Bancroft & Co., fire brick, cement	51 65
F. H. Parker & Son, express and teaming	6 30
Forest Packing Co., packing	6 17
Curran & Burton, coal	933 85
Geo. A. Shackford & Son, teaming	119 72
Insurance	64 70
Town of North Reading, taxes	1 57
Braman, Dow & Co.	4 70
A. B. Matthews, horse	3 00

Amount carried forward

\$2,607 77

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,607 77	
G. P. Anderson, packing . . .	6 00	
R. P. Burgess, brick work . . .	1 75	
Chas. A. Claffin & Co., packing . . .	7 35	
Geo. H. Atkinson, brooms and oil . . .	2 28	
O. O. Ordway, rep. fire tools . . .	1 25	
The Hodge Boiler Works, grates . . .	13 16	
Car fares	1 34	
Pay roll	1,275 44	
	<hr/>	\$3,916 34

MAINTENANCE OF FILTERS

Paid John A. Blunt, iron work . . .	\$ 50	
Boston Bolt Co., bolts . . .	1 27	
Francis Bros.	98	
Merrimac Chemical Co., alum . . .	9 56	
Walworth M'f'g Co., fittings . . .	1 54	
B. & M. R. R., freight . . .	91 50	
Dodge M'f'g Co., hangers . . .	9 25	
F. H. Parker & Son, teaming . . .	34 65	
Harrison Bros. & Co., alum . . .	443 70	
Isaac Winkler, alum . . .	19 80	
W. B. Fonda, lime . . .	97 50	
J. A. & W. Bird & Co., acid . . .	2 77	
A. B. Matthews, horse . . .	4 50	
C. A. Claffin & Co., packing . . .	1 00	
Pay roll	782 75	
American Express Co.	15	
A. W. Danforth, muriatic acid . . .	80	
Theodore Metcalf Co., chemicals . . .	80	
	<hr/>	\$1,503 02

MAINTENANCE OF METERS

Paid Pay roll	\$188 38	
B. & M. R. R., freight	1 70	
Hersey M'fg Co., rep. meters . .	38 16	
F. H. Parker & Son, express . .	2 60	
National Meter Co., rep. meters .	99 20	
Union Meter Co., rep. meters . .	4 75	
American Express Co.	1 55	
	<hr/>	\$336 34

MAINTENANCE OF SERVICE PIPES

Paid Pay roll	\$12 25	
Chapman Valve M'fg Co., valves .	10 55	
	<hr/>	\$22 80

MAINTENANCE OF MAIN PIPE

Paid Pay roll	\$33 25	
B. & M. R. R., freight	3 20	
Moore & Co., labor	9 00	
Chapman Valve M'fg Co., rep. hydt.	5 57	
	<hr/>	\$51 02

INTEREST

Received interest on deposits . .		\$ 31 90
“ hydrant rent		4,890 00
“ appropriation for interest . .		600 00
“ for water for fountains		300 00
“ for water for street sprinkling .		500 00
“ from receipts for water		2,383 10
Paid interest on bonds and note . .	\$8,705 00	
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	\$8,705 00	\$8,705 00

MAIN PIPE LINE

Received for pipe sold		\$50 70
Paid Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., hydrant . .	\$62 56	
Balance		11 86
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	\$62 56	\$62 56

SERVICE PIPES

Received appropriation		\$1,000 00
" for pipe laid		284 80
Paid J. A. Blunt, iron work	\$3 00	
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., lead pipe . .	5 30	
Francis Bros.	3 32	
The Sumner & Goodwin Co., fittings . .	15 74	
Walworth Mfg. Co.	191 77	
B. & M. R. R., freight	10 51	
W. Bancroft & Co., cement	50	
F. H. Parker & Son, express	6 35	
F. W. Danforth, painting wagon	15 00	
E. M. Dart Mfg. Co., s and w cocks . .	27 60	
Braman, Dow & Co., fittings	39 20	
Bingham & Taylor, service boxes	33 42	
R. A. White, horse hire	28 50	
Lead Lined Iron Pipe Co., pipe	36 39	
Lamb & Ritchie, pipe	108 00	
Reading Harness Shop, rep. harness . .	2 05	
American Express Co.	1 10	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	99 25	
Builders' Iron Foundry	27 68	
A. B. Matthews, horse hire	65 00	
S. W. Bowker, teaming	3 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$723 18	\$1,284 80

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$723 18	\$1,284 80
George H. Atkinson, oil, etc.	5 15	
O. O. Ordway, iron work	10 43	
Electrical Appliance Co.	2 58	
T. C. Fife, pipe and fittings	1 94	
W. C. Taylor, rep. harness	1 20	
H. L. Bond & Co., handles	25	
Self closing faucet	1 75	
Pay roll	313 08	
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	\$1,059 56	
Balance	225 24	
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	\$1,284 80	\$1,284 80

METERS

Paid F. H. Parker & Son, express	\$ 40	
B. & M. R. R., freight	40	
National Meter Co., meters	185 00	
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings	6 78	
American Express Co.	65	
Henry R. Worthington, meters	16 80	
Hersey Mfg. Co., meters	71 60	
O. P. Symonds & Sons, milling	25	
Pay roll	10 50	
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		\$292 38

EXPERIMENTAL FILTER

Paid Eagle Oil & Supply Co., tubing	\$2 15	
Pay roll	10 50	
W. Bancroft & Co., lumber	14 30	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$26 95	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$26 95
B. & M. R. R., freight . . .	25
Sumner & Goodwin Co., fittings .	4 69
The Hodge Boiler Works, iron .	1 50
O. P. Symonds & Sons, milling .	1 00
Franklin Laboratory Supply Co. .	4 35
Francis Bros.	12 08
Walworth Mfg. Co., fittings . .	4 31
A. B. Matthews, horse hire . .	6 00
O. O. Ordway, iron work . . .	2 90
Wire netting	85
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	\$64 88

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Cash balance from 1902	\$49 41	
Interest on deposits	31 90	
Appropriation for interest . . .	600 00	
Appropriation for service pipes .	1,000 00	
Hydrant rent	4,890 00	
Drinking fountains	300 00	
Street sprinkling	500 00	
Meter rates	10,155 12	
Fines and summons	7 40	
Service pipe	284 80	
Main pipe	50 70	
Paid interest	\$8,705 00	
Maintenance	1,779 50	
Pumping station maintenance .	3,916 34	
Meter maintenance	336 34	
Service pipe maintenance . . .	22 80	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$17,869 33	\$14,759 98

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$17,869 33	\$1,4759 98
Main pipe maintenance		51 02
Main pipe		62 56
Service pipe		1,059 56
Meters		292 38
Experimental filter		64 88
Filter maintenance		1,503 02
Cash on hand		75 93
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	\$17,869 33	\$17,869 33

SUMMARY OF COST OF PLANT

Reported last year	\$286,754 96
Main pipe	11 86
Service pipe	774 76
Meters	292 38
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	\$287,833 96

The Board recommends that \$4,890.00 be raised and appropriated for hydrant rental; that \$300.00 be raised and appropriated for drinking fountains, and that \$500.00 be raised and appropriated for street sprinkling.

The interest payable the current fiscal year amounts to \$8,425, as follows :

\$199,000 00 for one year	\$7,960 00
7,000 00 for six months	140 00
10,000 00 for one year	325 00
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	\$8,425 00










The Board recommends that \$1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for service pipes.

It will be necessary to paint the stand pipe this year, also to paint the engineer's house, and the Board recommends that \$600 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

Your Board has continued through the year its investigation relating to an improved method of treating water as it comes from the ground for the removal of iron and doing away with the objectionable hardness due to the present treatment. A larger experimental plant on the lines indicated by the former small plant has been in operation about eight months and it has demonstrated beyond a doubt that it is perfectly feasible to eliminate from the unfiltered water as taken from the ground the iron which originally gave so much annoyance, without the addition of chemicals, and consequently without increasing the hardness.

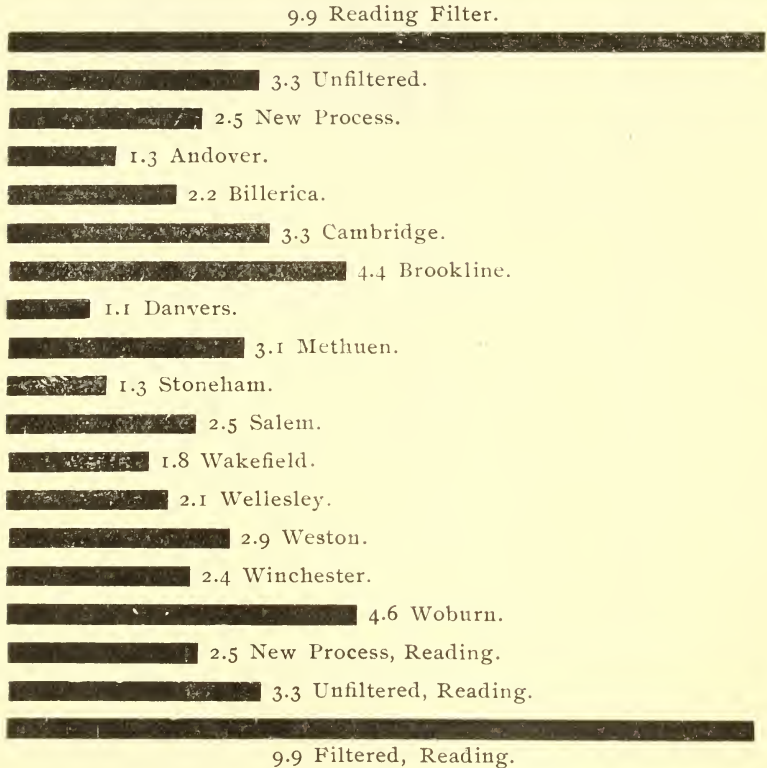
The results obtained from this experimental plant are given in the following table of tests made by the State Board of Health, on water from the gallery, "unfiltered," from the old filter plant, "filtered," and from the experimental plant, which will hereafter be called "new process."

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
WATER ANALYSIS FROM THE READING WATER WORKS
PARTS IN 100,000
(Ammonia, Chlorine, Nitrogen and Oxygen Consumed Dropped)

DATE OF EXAMINATION	APPEARANCE			ODOR		Residue on Evaporation	HARDNESS	Iron
	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold	Hot			
1903								
Nov. 17	Decided	Cons.	Turbid .70	V. faintly unpleasant	Faint. unp.	8.50	 2.9	.2400 Unfiltered
17	Very Slight	Very Slight	.21	Faint. unp.	Dist. unp.	6.80	 2.2	.0250 New Process
18	Very Slight	None	.28	None	None	16.20	 10.	.0150 Filtered
Dec. 29	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.44	None	None	8.00	 2.6	.1500 Unfiltered
29	Slight. Milky	None	.11	None	None	7.50	 2.7	.0090 New Process
24	None	None	.16	None	None	15.10	 8.9	.0080 Filtered
1904								
Jan. 14	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.42	Faint. earthy	Faint. earthy	8.20	 2.5	.1800 Unfiltered
14	Slight. Milky	None	.12	None	None	6.70	 2.5	.0210 New Process
14	Very Slight	None	.24	None	None	15.00	 8.3	.0200 Filtered

The foregoing table shows that the water we furnish is practically three times as hard as that which we could furnish under the new process.

To show the difference between the water which we are furnishing and what other towns in the vicinity are getting, we insert the following graphical table, showing the hardness of Reading water, for an average of seven years, and the hardness of the water supplied to a number of cities and towns in the State.



When one considers that the amount of soap used by any family is almost directly proportionate to the hardness of the water supplied, it is readily seen that every family in Reading is obliged to use from two to three times as much soap as they would if living in some of the towns mentioned, or as they would if we could furnish water treated by the new process.

The cost of the soap used per family in town is not very great, but whatever it is, more or less, it is more than double what it should be.

Your Board has not been able to get sufficient data to enable them to make exact figures, but from the information at hand, we believe that the saving would amount to more than two (2) dollars per year, per family.

There are something over 1,100 takers using soap, which means that on account of the hardness of the water furnished, due to the addition of chemicals, the people of this town spend at least \$2,200.00 per year more for soap than they should, besides the disagreeable experience, which they do not need to be reminded of, caused by hard water.

Careful tests have been made of the power directly chargeable to the present method of treatment, and the results along with the cost of material required is given in the table below. These expenses are such as are inseparable from the present method of treating water, and we do not see how they can be reduced, but they would not enter into the expense of running a plant, built and operated on the line of the experimental, new process plant.

Table showing cost per year of operating present filter plant		
Repairs, average of seven years	. . .	\$ 29 60
Extra labor cleaning filters	. . .	14 98
Power used in operating filter plant	. . .	180 68
Chemicals, average of seven years	. . .	405 77
Oil and waste	. . . . .	18 15
Cost of handling water used in washing fil-		

ters, including water wasted . . .		146 00
Depreciation, assuming life of plant to be twenty years and rate of interest $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., calculated on cost of filter plant alone, and not including building or machinery that would be used for new process	\$323 12	
Less estimates depreciation of new plant .	200 00	
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		\$918 30

If we add to this the cost of the estimated amount of soap unnecessarily used, namely, \$2,200.00, we have as the total yearly cost to the town of the present filter plant \$3,118.30. The Board is now ready to further investigate the matter and report in full with estimates of the cost of the plant required to treat the unfiltered water by the new process and desires instructions from the town as to whether it shall go on or drop the matter.

HENRY R. JOHNSON,
E. HARLEY GOWING,
GEO. A. SHACKFORD,

Water Commissioners.

REPORT OF WATER REGISTRAR

Amount water bills rendered 1903	\$10,203 50	
abatement	47 82	
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					\$10,155 68	
Amount collected	\$9,839 47
uncollected	316 21
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						\$10,155 68
Amount of 1902 bills uncollected	\$479 83	
abated	21 00	
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					\$458 83	
Amount collected	\$305 30
uncollected	153 53
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						\$458 83
Amount of bills previous to 1902 uncollected	\$129 56	
abated	16 41	
					<hr/>	
					\$113 15	
Amount collected	\$10 35
uncollected	102 80
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						\$113 15
Service pipe bills rendered in 1903	\$316 12	
Service pipe bills previous years	33 61	
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					\$349 73	
Amount collected	\$284 80
uncollected	64 93
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						\$349 73

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Registrar.*

Reading, Jan. 1, 1904

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Reading Water Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

No extensions of mains have been made during the year. Three hydrants have been repaired. One was broken by a snow plow of the electric railroad, one by frost, and one needed a new valve seat. All of the hydrants were examined in November and left in good order for the winter, and all in exposed positions have been examined several times since.

There were twenty-six services put in during the year, making a total of eleven hundred and sixty-two. Thirty-eight service boxes have been lowered and repaired.

The following table will show the amount of service pipe in use:

	6 inch Cast Iron	1½ inch Galvanized	1½ inch Enamelled	1½ inch Galvanized	1 inch Galvanized	1 inch Lead Lined	¾ inch Lead Lined	1 inch Cement Lined	¾ inch Cement Lined	2 inch Galvanized	¾ inch Galvanized
Owned by the town		18	33.7	11447.8	169.7	870.8	19798.8	369.1	9957.5	1662.2	1389.
Owned by individuals	814	19	123	328.7	90.4	50.	20645.5	78.	12663.2	303.6	846.7
Total	814	37	156.7	11776.5	260.1	920.8	40444.3	445.1	22620.7	1965.8	2235.7

The following kinds and sizes of meters are in use :

No.	NAME	SIZES				
		2 in.	1½ in.	1 in.	¾ in.	½ in.
79	Crown.....				1	78
544	Nash.....		3	4		537
196	Empire.....	1				195
4	Gem.....	4				
41	Lambert.....			2		39
12	Thompson.....	1		1		10
2	Worthington.....	1				1
2	Worthington Disc.....					2
112	Hersey Disc.....	1	3	3		105
1	Neptune.....					1
11	Union Rotary.....	3		3		5
30	Columbia.....					30
1	Niagara.....	1				
1035		12	6	13	1	1003

YEARLY RECORD OF PUMPING SERVICE

FROM JAN. 1, 1903, TO JAN. 1, 1904

MONTH	No. Days	No. Hours.	No. Min.	Gallons Pumped	Total Head	Pounds Coal	Rain Fall
January . . .	31	141	45	4,129,483	219	38,041	3.84
February . . .	28	128		3,927,789		37,107	3.16
March . . .	31	131	45	4,060,143		34,352	6.38
April . . .	30	132		3,925,743		32,189	4.95
May . . .	31	195	15	5,989,153		44,411	.48
June . . .	30	164	15	5,102,676		39,489	8.91
July . . .	31	163	15	5,039,723		39,666	3.40
August . . .	31	140	30	4,332,727		35,368	3.42
September . . .	30	149	45	4,379,852		35,402	2.29
October . . .	31	133	15	4,219,700		33,885	3.69
November . . .	30	131		3,996,787		34,029	1.33
December . . .	31	131	45	4,099,156		34,660	2.59
	365	1742	30	53,202,932	219	438,599	44.44

Table showing amount of rain and melted snow in inches for the year ending Dec. 31, 1903 :

Day of Month	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Day of Month
1			.21				.04						1
2										.09			2
3	.90			.20								.15	3
4		.80			.05							.37	4
5				.33				.64		.03			5
6			.21		.17		.22	.23	1.23		.16		6
7				.07		.01					.12		7
8	.38		.32	.33		.06				.38			8
9		.67	1.18	1.23		.15				.09			9
10			.15	.40				.14		.02		.35	10
11			.57			.11				.58			11
12	.96	.33				.26				.73	.01		12
13						.68	.08			.20			13
14										.02		.31	14
15				1.00	.11	1.64							15
16			.01	1.26		1.26	.04						16
17		1.36		.11			.04	.14	.50		.92		17
18				.02			.02	.10	1.37				18
19				.02			.93						19
20							.05	.43					20
21	1.01				.04	1.30	.79					.49	21
22			.42			2.63	.02						22
23			1.16				.21			.13	.12		23
24			.69			.01	.43			.05			24
25						.47		.40					25
26	.09						.04	.84					26
27												.30	27
28	.08				.11				.46				28
29			.21					.13				.02	29
30	.42					.33	.39	.18					30
31			1.25				.12	.27					31
	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	

The average rainfall for Massachusetts is 45.54 inches. The rainfall at Reading Pumping Station in 1903 was 44.44 inches, which is 1.10 inches less than the average. The deficiency occurred in the months of January, February, May, July, August, September, October, November and December, while the rainfall for March, April and June was more than the average for those months.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

ANALYSIS OF WATER FROM READING WATER WORKS

PARTS IN 100,000

DATE OF		APPEARANCE			ODOR		Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA		Chlorine	NITROGEN AS		(Oxygen consumed)	Hardness	Iron
Collection	Examination	Turbidity	Sediment	Color	Cold	Hot		Free	Albuminoid		Nitrates	Nitrites			
1903	1903														
Feb. 9	Feb. 9	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.48	None	None	7.40	.0094	.0098	.43	.0050	.0001	.75	3.5	Unfiltered
Feb. 9	Feb. 9	None	None	.21	None	None	15.40	.0056	.0076	.43	.0080	.0002	.30	9.0	Unfiltered
April 7	April 7	Slight	Slight iron		None	None	7.50	.0086	.0126	.40	.0000	.0000	.60	2.2	Unfiltered
April 7	April 7	None	None	.14	None	None	14.40	.0078	.0090	.41	.0020	.0003	.33	8.4	Unfiltered
May 26	May 27	Decided	Cons.	.19	None	Faint. earth.	6.50	.0088	.0132	.44	.0020	.0000	.66	2.2	Unfiltered
May 26	May 27	None	None	.23	None	None	16.40	.0072	.0084	.42	.0050	.0007	.32	10.6	Unfiltered
June 9	June 10	Decided	Cons.	.70	*Very F. U.	None	7.50	.0076	.0090	.43	.0010	.0000	.58	2.2	Unfiltered
June 9	June 10	None	None	.30	None	None	15.10	.0054	.0074	.43	.0010	.0010	.33	9.1	Unfiltered
June 22	June 23	Decided	Cons.	.12	None	None	7.10	.0082	.0100	.42	.0000	.0000	.50	2.3	Unfiltered
July 15	July 15	Very slight	None	.49	None	None	15.40	.0042	.0058	.43	.0040	.0005	.26	8.8	Unfiltered
July 15	July 15	Decided	Cons.	.26	None	None	7.40	.0080	.0140	.41	.0010	.0001	.67	2.5	Unfiltered
July 28	July 28	Very slight	Very slight	.35	None	None	16.70	.0064	.0090	.41	.0030	.0005	.41	10.6	Unfiltered
July 28	July 28	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.25	None	Faint. earth.	7.90	.0124	.0138	.40	.0010	.0000	.72	2.5	Unfiltered
Aug. 11	Aug. 12	Decided	Cons. iron	.28	None	Faint. earth.	17.00	.0238	.0100	.43	.0050	.0003	.42	11.2	Unfiltered
Aug. 11	Aug. 12	None	None	.28	None	*Very F. U.	7.80	.0238	.0100	.43	.0050	.0003	.75	2.2	Unfiltered
Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Decided	Cons. iron	.30	None	None	17.50	.0050	.0060	.43	.0030	.0010	.42	10.6	Unfiltered
Aug. 25	Aug. 26	Very slight	None	.30	None	None	7.90	.0104	.0134	.54	.0020	.0000	.71	2.1	Unfiltered
Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Decided	Cons.	.60	Faint. earth.	None	15.60	.0064	.0074	.44	.0000	.0010	.37	9.4	Unfiltered
Sept. 8	Sept. 8	Very slight	None	.25	None	None	7.20	.0102	.0124	.44	.0020	.0000	.63	2.3	Unfiltered
Sept. 22	Sept. 23	Decided	Cons. iron	.70	*Very F. U.	*Very F. U.	15.40	.0044	.0052	.44	.0040	.0011	.38	9.1	Unfiltered
Sept. 22	Sept. 23	None	None	.22	*Very F. U.	*Very F. U.	7.70	.0100	.0136	.47	.0040	.0001	.68	2.5	Unfiltered
Oct. 6	Oct. 6	Decided	Cons. iron	.26	None	*Very F. U.	15.90	.0044	.0084	.46	.0050	.0007	.42	9.9	Unfiltered
Oct. 6	Oct. 6	None	None	.26	None	*Very F. U.	7.00	.0102	.0086	.46	.0020	.0001	.61	2.2	Unfiltered
Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Decided	Cons. iron	.26	None	*Very F. U.	16.00	.0062	.0060	.48	.0040	.0006	.37	9.4	Unfiltered
Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Decided	Cons. iron	.80	None	None	8.50	.0108	.0094	.46	.0020	.0001	.53	2.6	Unfiltered
Nov. 3	Nov. 3	Decided iron	Cons. iron	.15	None	None	16.50	.0054	.0060	.46	.0020	.0009	.35	9.4	Unfiltered
Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Slight	Slight	.14	*Very F. U.	Faintly Un.	7.60	.0126	.0132	.54	.0020	.0007	.29	9.1	Unfiltered
Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Decided	Cons.	.80	None	None	15.00	.0072	.0084	.53	.0020	.0007	.29	9.1	Unfiltered
Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Very slight	None	.28	None	None	7.90	.0104	.0092	.52	.0020	.0001	.60	3.3	Unfiltered
Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Decided	Cons. iron	.48	None	None	16.20	.0014	.0008	.52	.0080	.0008	.42	10.0	Unfiltered
Dec. 8	Dec. 9	Very slight	None	.29	*Very F. U.	None	7.10	.0110	.0118	.54	.0020	.0000	.56	3.3	Unfiltered
Dec. 22	Dec. 24	Decided	Cons.	.43	None	Faintly Un.	14.90	.0062	.0082	.52	.0020	.0005	.33	8.9	Unfiltered
Dec. 22	Dec. 24	None	None	.16	None	None	8.70	.0102	.0104	.53	.0030	.0001	.40	3.1	Unfiltered
							15.10	.0062	.0072	.54	.0050	.0005	.29	8.9	Unfiltered

*Very Faintly Unpleasant

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1903

In form recommended by the New England Water Works Association.

READING WATER WORKS

READING, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASS.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population by Census of 1900, 4,969.

Date of construction, 1890 and 1891.

By whom owned, Town of Reading.

Source of supply, filter gallery.

Mode of supply, pumping.

PUMPING STATISTICS

1. Builders of Pumping Machinery, Geo. F. Blake Mfg. Co.
2. Description of fuel used

{	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Kind, coal. b. Brand of coal, Carbon and Pocahontas c. Average price of coal per gross ton, delivered, \$6.33. d. Percentage of ash, e. Wood, price per cord, \$
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3. Coal consumed for the year, 438,599 lbs.
4. [Pounds of wood consumed] divided by 3 equals equivalent amount of coal, lbs.
- 4a. Amount of other fuel used,

5. Total equivalent coal consumed for the year equals (3) plus (4), lbs.
 6. Total pumpage for the year, 53,202,932 gallons, without allowance for slip.
 7. Average static head against which pumps work, 219 feet.
 8. Average dynamic head against which pumps work, 240 feet.
 9. Number of gallons pumped per pound of equivalent coal (5), 121.
 10. Duty equals $\frac{\text{gallons pumped (6)} \times 8.34 \text{ (lbs.)} \times 100 \times \text{dynamic head (8)}}{\text{Total fuel consumed (5)}}$
equals 24,302,615.
- Cost of pumping, figured on pumping station expenses, viz., \$3,916.34.*
11. Per million gallons pumped, \$73.61.
 12. Per million gallons raised one foot (dynamic), \$0.306.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURES	
<i>Balance brought forward:</i> . . .		<i>Water Works Maintenance:</i>	
(a) From ordinary (maintenance) receipts . . .	\$49 41	A.A. Operation (management) and repairs . . .	\$7,609 02
(b) From extraordinary receipts (bonds etc.) . . .	50 70	C.C. Total maintenance . . .	\$7,609 02
Total . . .	\$139 41	D.D. Interest on bonds . . .	8,705 00
<i>From Water Rates:</i>		CC plus DD . . .	16,314 02
B. Meter rates . . . \$10,155 12		<i>Water Works Construction:</i>	
C. Total from consumers . . .	\$10,155 12	G.G. Extension of mains . . .	62 56
D. For hydrants . . . 4,890 00		H.H. Extension of services . . .	1,059 56
E. For fountains . . . 300 00		I.I. Extension of meters . . .	292 38
F. For street watering . . . 500 00		J.J. Special: . . .	
I. General appropriation . . .		Experimental filter . . .	64 88
J. Total from municipal depts. . .	5,690 00	K.K. Total construction . . .	1,479 38
K. From tax levy . . .	1,600 00	M.M. Balance: . . .	
L. From bond issue . . .		Total balance . . .	75 93
M. From other sources: . . .			
Service pipes . . .	284 80		
N. Total . . .	\$17,869 33	N. Total . . .	\$17,869 33

DISPOSITION OF BALANCE—BALANCE AND NEW ACCOUNT

O. Net cost of works to date.	.	.	.	.	.	.	287,833 69
P. Bonded debt at date	.	.	.	.	.	.	216,000 00
Q. Value of Sinking Fund at date	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
R. Average rate of interest, 4 per cent.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

STATISTICS OF CONSUMPTION OF WATER

1. Estimated total population at date, 5000.
2. Estimated population on lines of pipe, 4860.
3. Estimated population supplied, 4485
4. Total consumption for the year, 53,202,932 gallons.
5. Passed through meters, gallons.
6. Percentage of consumption metered,
7. Average daily consumption, 145,761 gallons.
8. Gallons per day to each inhabitant, 29.15.
9. Gallons per day to each consumer, 32.49.
10. Gallons per day to each tap, 125.44.
11. Cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance (item CC), \$143.2.
12. Total cost of supplying water, per million gallons, figured on total maintenance plus interest on bonds, \$306.63.

STATISTICS RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

MAINS

1. Kind of pipe, cast iron.
2. Sizes, from 6 inch to 12 inch.
3. Extended feet during year.
4. Discontinued feet during year.
5. Total now in use, 28.4849 miles.
6. Cost of repairs per mile, \$1.82.
7. Number of leaks per mile, none.
8. Length of pipes less than 4 inches diam., 0 miles.
9. Number of hydrants added during year (public and private), 0.
10. Number of hydrants (public and private) now in use, 163.

11. Number of stop gates added during year, 0.
12. Number of stop gates now in use, 248.
13. Number of stop gates smaller than 4-inch, none.
14. Number of blow-offs, 14.
15. Range of pressure on mains, 63 lbs. to 78.

SERVICES

16. Kind of pipe, cast iron, cement and lead lined.
17. Sizes, 3-4 to 6 inches.
18. Extended, 1598.3 feet.
19. Discontinued, feet.
20. Total now in use, 15.3517 miles.
21. Number of service taps added during year, 26.
22. Number now in use, 1162.
23. Average length of service, 73 feet.
24. Average cost of service for the year, \$40.74.
25. Number of meters added, 17.
26. Number now in use, 1035.
27. Percentage of services metered, 89.
28. Percentage of receipts from metered water (B divided by C),
100.
29. Number of motors and elevators added, 1.
30. Number now in use, 4.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT, *Superintendent.*

Reading, Jan. 26, 1904.

TOWN OF READING.

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

**Electric Light
.. Commissioners ..**



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31

1903.

OFFICERS OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners

WM. S. KINSLEY, <i>Chairman</i> ,	.	.	Term expires 1906
CHARLES W. LEE, <i>Sec'y</i> ,	.	.	" " 1904
GEORGE L. FLINT	.	.	" " 1905

Superintendent and Manager

STEWART S. BELL

OFFICE :

Room 9, Masonic Block

OFFICE HOURS :

Monday and Saturday, 7.30 to 9 P. M.

REPORT OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1903

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CONSTRUCTION

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1902	.	.	.	\$	5	73
Amount due from Maintenance acc't,						
Dec. 31, 1902	.	.	.	.	38	84
Appropriation for 1903	.	.	.	.	3,000	00
Cash received for sale of cable	9	80
<hr/>						\$3,054 37

EXPENDITURES

REAL ESTATE

W. Bancroft & Co., lumber, etc.	.	.	.	\$99 06
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ELECTRIC PLANT

S. B. Condit, Jr., & Co., switch and frame	\$74 00
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LINES

C. S. Knowles, cable	\$117 50	
Pettingill, Andrews Co., wire and cross arms	24 34	
Western Electric Co., wire and cable .	434 97	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	10 04	
Vermille & Eames, labor	20 00	
Francis Bros., sundries	2 10	
A. N. Turner, pay roll	146 60	
J. W. Gleason, pay roll	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$767 55

ARC LAMPS AND GLOBES

Pettingill, Andrews Co., lamps and globes	\$267 50
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METERS

Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co. . . .	\$422 50	
Stanley Instrument Co.	378 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$805 44

CONVERTERS

Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co. . . .	\$673 69	
Western Electric Co.	109 54	
Boston & Maine R. R., freight . . .	21 59	
	<hr/>	804 82
		<hr/>
		\$2,818 37

SUMMARY

Credits to Construction account . . .	\$3,054 37	
Charges to Construction account . . .	2,818 37	
	<hr/>	\$236 00
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1903 . . .	\$26 14	
Amt. loaned Maintenance acct. . . .	209 86	
	<hr/>	\$236 00

RECAPITULATION

--- COST OF MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER PLANT, DECEMBER 31, 1903 ---

Total charges Dec. 31, 1903	.	.		\$80,063 00
Real estate	.	.	.	\$99 06
Electric plant	.	.	.	74 00
Lines	.	.	.	767 55
Arc lamps and globes	.	.	.	267 50
Meters	.	.	.	805 44
Converters	.	.	.	804 82
			<hr/>	2,818 37
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				\$82,881 37
Construction stock on hand Dec. 31, 1903			\$132 04	
Cash received for cable	.	.	.	9 80
			<hr/>	141 84
				<hr/>
Total cost Dec. 31, 1903	.	.	.	\$82,739 53

--- MAINTENANCE

Cash received from Arc Light Rentals	.	\$8,280 00
Cash for Commercial Incan. Light	.	4,013 87
Cash for Domestic Incan. Light	.	4,672 91
Cash for Town Incan. Light	.	186 56
Cash for Meter Rents	.	279 50
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$17,432 84

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$17,432 84
Incandescent lamps	68 30
Cash for Wiring, Labor and Fixtures	326 97
Cash for miscellaneous articles	88 70
	<hr/> \$17,916 81

EXPENDITURES

FUEL

Curran & Burton, coal	\$3,699 30
C. P. Anderson, coal	485 71
W. Bancroft & Co., carting	2 00
R. A. White, carting	2 50
S. W. Bowker, carting	8 50
W. A. Jepson, coal	198 90
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	487 97
A. N. Turner, pay roll	21 35
	<hr/> \$4,906 23

OIL AND WASTE

A. W. Harris Oil Co., oil	\$201 15
Boston & Maine R. R., freight	4 65
Eagle Oil & Supply Co., waste	33 45
F. Fitz M'fg & Supply Co., grease	1 00
F. Wallace, kerosene	65
	<hr/> \$240 90

WATER

Reading Water Works	\$204 63
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STATION WAGES

A. E. Brown	\$1,149 20
Wm. Hayes	780 00
J. A. Boyd	780 00
	<hr/> \$2,709 20

REPAIRS OF REAL ESTATE

A. N. Turner, pay roll	\$5 54	
W. Bancroft & Co., drain pipe, cement, etc.	9 36	
H. R. Johnson, door	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$23 90

REPAIRS OF STEAM PLANT

Vulite Syndicate	\$ 52 00	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	70 06	
T. C. Fife	58 09	
Boston & Maine R. R.	94	
W. H. O'Brien	19 70	
Francis Bros.	15 63	
Jarvis Engineering Co.	397 00	
Cummings' Express Co.	3 80	
Standard Packing Co.	5 63	
Edw. Kendall & Sons	40 71	
Chas. L. Ireson	53 19	
Phoenix Oil Co.	8 75	
Hayden & Co.	11 00	
Cling Surface M'fg Co.	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$740 00

REPAIRS OF ELECTRIC PLANT

Crown Woven Wire Brush Co.	\$ 36 00	
Westinghouse Electric M'fg Co.	286 10	
J. T. Freeman & Co.	6 98	
Francis Bros.	4 10	
Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	2 65	
	<hr/>	\$339 33

STATION TOOLS AND APPLIANCES

Eagle Oil & Supply Co.	\$41 00	
Samuel Brown	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$58 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>		\$58 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$58 00	
Bryan, Marsh Co.	13 90	
Green, Tweed & Co.	29 92	
F. Wallace	60	
A. S. Cook & Co.	8 50	
Hayden & Co.	11 00	
Francis Bros.	1 90	
Boston & Maine R. R.	25	
	<hr/>	\$124 07

WAGES CARE OF LIGHTS

F. P. Abbott, pay rolls	\$780 00
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REPAIRS OF LINES AND LAMPS

Boston Lumber Co.	\$175 00	
Pettingill, Andrews Co.	34 64	
Western Electric Co.	85 91	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	15 56	
Union Hardware & Elec. Supply Co.	7 00	
Francis Bros.	19 08	
Boston & Maine R. R.	8 06	
National Stamping Works	10 83	
S. S. Bell, cash paid for marlin	5 00	
Harry Walters	5 00	
O. O. Ordway	6 90	
A. N. Turner, pay rolls	533 96	
C. S. Knowles	24 81	
	<hr/>	\$931 75

CARBONS

Pettingill, Andrews Co.	\$ 34 47	
National Carbon Co.	390 03	
Boston & Maine R. R.	26 71	
Dickey, Sutton Carbon Co.	15 30	
	<hr/>	\$466 51

INCANDESCENT LAMPS

Bryan, Marsh Co.	\$ 50 00	
Pettingill, Andrews Co.	10 84	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	8 06	
Western Electric Co.	448 40	
General Electric Co.	48 00	
Stanley Instrument Co.	70	
American Express Co.	95	
Boston & Maine R. R.	3 32	
	<hr/>	\$570 27

GLOBES

F. O. Dewey Co.	\$21 46	
Pettingill, Andrews Co.	6 04	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	11 46	
Boston & Maine R. R.	56	
	<hr/>	\$39 52

GENERAL SALARIES

S. S. Bell, Supt. and Manager	\$1,200 16	
S. S. Bell, clerical work	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,300 16

GENERAL OFFICE EXPENSES

W. E. & J. F. Twombly	\$ 56 00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	130 07	
Electrical World & Engineer	3 00	
A. S. Cook & Co.	5 41	
H. R. Johnson	21 09	
S. S. Bell, stamps, supplies and expenses	51 80	
Thorpe & Martin Co.	7 85	
M. F. Charles	3 25	
Harley Prentiss, P. M.	21 20	
	<hr/>	\$299 67

RENTS

Masonic Temple Corp'n		\$113 70
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INSURANCE

Prentiss & Viall	\$462 07
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BAD DEBTS

Accounts charged off as worthless	.	.				\$116 42
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INCIDENTALS

O. P. Symonds & Sons	\$ 40	
F. Wallace	60	
F. G. MacDonald	60	
Francis Bros.	1 23	
G. H. Atkinson	.	.	.	.	1 15	
					<hr/>	\$3 98

INTEREST

Six mos. interest on notes	.	.	.	.	\$ 271 00	
Six mos. interest on bonds	.	.	.	.	1,680 00	
					<hr/>	\$1,951 00

STABLE

F. P. Abbott	.	.	.	.	.	\$250 00
Wm. Nokes	.	.	.	.	.	225 00
W. C. Taylor	.	.	.	.	.	20 65
R. A. White	.	.	.	.	.	11 00
F. W. Danforth	.	.	.	.	.	31 00
P. J. Seaman	.	.	.	.	.	26 19
C. D. Wells	.	.	.	.	.	23 00
O. O. Ordway	.	.	.	.	.	56 25
C. H. Playdon, M. D. V.	.	.	.	.	.	1 75
					<hr/>	\$644 84

WIRING, LABOR AND FIXTURES

McKenney & Waterbury Co.	\$365 53	
Pettingill, Andrews Co.	141 91	
Western Electric Co.	173 50	
Electric Gas Lighting Co.	220 48	
Union Hardware & Elec. Supply Co.	48 54	
Boston & Maine R. R.	1 00	
Harry Walters	7 00	
American Express Co.	4 30	
Cummings' Express Co.	12 05	
Francis Bros.	6 69	
Beattie Zinc Works	1 00	
Vermille & Eames	37 38	
A. N. Turner, pay rolls	72 55	
	<hr/>	\$1,091 93

OFFICE FURNITURE

Francis Bros.	\$2 75	
Reading Co-operative Bank	25 00	
	<hr/>	27 75
		<hr/>
		\$18,087 83

SUMMARY

Charges to Maintenance account	\$18,087 83	
Amount borrowed from Construction acct.		
Dec. 31, 1902	38 84	
	<hr/>	\$18,126 67
Total credits Maintenance account		17,916 81
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Am't borrowed from Construction acct. Dec. 31, 1903		\$209 86

RECAPITULATION

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Cash received Arc Light Rentals . . .	\$8,280 00	
“ “ Commercial Incan. Lights . . .	4,013 87	
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“ “ Town Incan. Lights . . .	186 56	
“ “ Meter Rents . . .	279 50	
“ “ Wiring, Labor and Fixtures . . .	326 97	
“ “ Incan. Lamps . . .	68 30	
“ “ Miscellaneous Articles . . .	88 70	
Amt. due for Light and Meter Rents Dec.		
31, 1903	2,917 44	
Amt. due for Wiring, Labor, Fixtures and		
Lamps	544 08	
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 31, 1903 . .	740 61	
Maintenance bills payable Dec. 31, 1902 . .	2,098 35	
	<hr/>	\$24,217 29

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Fuel	\$4,906 23
Oil and waste	240 90
Water	204 63
Station wages	2,709 20
Repairs real estate	23 90
Repairs steam plant	740 00
Repairs electric plant	339 33
Station tools and appliances	124 07
Wages care of lights	780 00
Repairs of lines and lamps	931 75
Carbons	466 51
Incandescent lamps	570 27
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$12,036 79

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$12,036 79
Globes	39 52
General salaries	1,300 16
Office expenses	299 67
Rent	113 70
Insurance	462 07
Bad debts	116 42
Incidentals	3 98
Interest	1,951 00
Stable	644 84
Wiring and labor	1,091 93
Office furniture	27 75
Maintenance stock on hand Dec. 31, 1902 .	520 80
Amt. due for light and meter rents Dec. 31, 1902	1,962 92
Amt. due for wiring, labor and lamps Dec. 31, 1902	546 40
Maintenance bills payable Dec. 31, 1903 .	1,000 00
	<hr/> 22,117 95
Balance gain for year	<hr/> \$2,099 34

INVENTORY

CONSTRUCTION STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1903

Lines	\$132 04
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MAINTENANCE STOCK ON HAND DEC. 31, 1903

Incandescent lamps	\$ 14 37
Fuel	375 00
Carbons	48 20
Oil and waste	27 25
Wiring stock	275 79
	<hr/> \$740 61
Total stock on hand Dec. 31, 1903	<hr/> \$872 65

Number of incandescent lamps installed in	
1903	1,146
Number of poles installed in 1903	29
Number of meters installed in 1903	56
Number of meters removed in 1903	9
Number of transformers installed in 1903	8
Feet of wire installed in 1903	20,920
Tons of coal used in 1903	658
Number of customers Dec. 31, 1902	289
Number of customers Dec. 31, 1903	336
Increase in customers, 1903	47

Number of days and hours the street circuits were lighted during the year ending Dec. 31, 1903 :

	DAYS	HOURS
January	27	180
February	26	138
March	26	140
April	26	133
May	25	106
June	24	100
July	23	80
August	27	122
September	23	112
October	23	143
November	25	156
December	28	168
Total	303	1,578

Table showing the earnings each month from incandescent light and meter rents and a comparison with the previous year :

		Meter Rent	1903 Total	1902 Total
January	\$1,130 08	\$23 10	\$1,153 18	\$1,000 88
February	925 33	24 80	950 13	869 65
March	794 32	24 10	818 42	667 66
April	729 80	28 70	758 50	624 69
May	532 57	23 10	555 67	432 03
June	637 87	34 60	672 47	428 46
July	411 45	19 10	430 55	379 50
August	539 54	25 60	565 14	399 98
September	739 91	33 70	773 61	710 26
October	1,023 88	29 60	1,053 48	995 44
November	1,391 87	29 30	1,421 17	1,124 94
December	1,729 78	38 00	1,767 78	1,349 00
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	\$10,586 40	\$333 70	\$10,920 10	\$8,982 49
Less discount allowed for cash payments			810 09	726 92
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			\$10,110 01	\$8,255 57

This is the first report in which we have been able to show an income from arc lights, and we would call attention to the fact that instead of showing a deficit as in previous years the plant this year has earned a profit.

We feel that this method is the only way of showing the present earning capacity of the plant, and would recommend a continuance along this line, and that the surplus earnings be used as a sinking fund to pay off the outstanding indebtedness.

We have had a steady increase in customers this year and the outlook is even more encouraging than it has been in previous years.

We are having more trouble every year in keeping the arc lamps in satisfactory running order, as they are getting pretty well worn, and in view of the fact that in the near future a new system will have to be installed we do not feel justified in making heavy repairs on the present system.

Continued increase in customers and the condition of our street lights will make it necessary to increase the capacity of our plant and we are now considering several propositions with this in view, and will at some future Town Meeting report and give our recommendations.

WILLIAM S. KINSLEY, *Chairman*,
CHARLES W. LEE, *Secretary*,
GEORGE L. FLINT.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF READING
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903

School Committee

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> , Walnut St.,	Term expires	1905
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Sec'y</i> , Washington St.,	" "	1906
HORACE G. WADLIN, Woburn St.,	" "	1905
MRS. ELIZABETH H. BROWN, Prospect St.,	" "	1906
MRS. MARY L. NESMITH, Main St.,	" "	1904
HENRY C. PARKER, Chute St.,	" "	1904

Superintendent of Schools

MELVILLE A. STONE.

Truant Officer

A. A. SMITH.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*

GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES

Finances and Accounts

G. L. Parker

H. G. Wadlin

Books and Supplies

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

School Houses and Property

H. G. Wadlin

H. C. Parker

G. L. Parker

Rules and Regulations

H. C. Parker

H. G. Wadlin

Mrs. Brown

Teachers and Salaries

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

G. L. Parker

Music and Drawing

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Nesmith

Course of Study

H. G. Wadlin

W. S. Parker

Mrs. Nesmith

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee of Reading respectfully submits the following report for the year ending December 31st, 1903.

The schools, on the whole, have had a prosperous year. Some permanent advance has been attained, although we are free to say that the results are never quite up to the high ideals which we cherish, yet considering all things, we have every reason to feel thankful for the high standard realized. The attention of the citizens is earnestly requested to the reports and recommendations accompanying this report.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

The most important subject to which attention is called at this time, is the pressing need of a new High school building. The committee has had this matter under consideration for the past two years and believe that the time has arrived when some definite action should be taken by the Town, looking to the erection of a building suitable to the needs of the pupils and to satisfy the demands of our Town.

The school at the present time numbers 216, the largest in its history. We record with pleasure the unusual and interesting fact that the number has increased during the year. The present building is now being used to its fullest capacity and the work is done under great disadvantage to pupils and teachers. It would seem at first sight that immediate relief might be gained by refusing to retain the pupils from North Reading, but that relief would be more apparent than real. The few pupils from North Reading are scat-

tered in so many different classes that it would not lessen the number of teachers employed, while the tuition received, amounting to about \$600, enables us to carry on the present liberal program far better than we otherwise could do. In looking about for a site in Town, every available lot has been carefully considered, and we have come to the conclusion that Miss Adelaide M. Sheak's property would be the most desirable, all things considered. The lot on Sanborn street extends to Linden street and contains 69,680 square feet, with a frontage of 260 feet on Sanborn street and 260 feet on Linden street.

The proposition which Miss Sheak makes to the Town is a very liberal one. The property is assessed for \$14,000; she offers it for the purposes of the Town for \$8,000. The present building on the lot can be utilized for different school uses for several years, while preparations are being made for the new High school building, which could not be erected and made ready before the end of two years at least. The present high rate of building materials might make it seem desirable to defer the erection of the building a little longer, if possible. It must be borne in mind, however, that we shall be overcrowded in the lower grades next September and it will be necessary to find accommodations for some of the younger pupils in hired buildings.

The house on the proposed lot might be used for the lower grades, and for the overflow in the High school. The rent thus saved would materially offset the price of the lot. The location is central, yet quiet and retired, two very important factors. The only possible objection to the purchase of the property is the fact that the Town loses so much of the assessed valuation, but, is that a sound objection? If a lot is to be selected on that basis, then choose one in Birch Meadow and the valuation would be but slightly affected. The Town gains ultimately instead of losing by the selection of a desirable location. The erection of a good High school building on this central and desirable lot will enhance the

value of property in the Town far beyond the loss occasioned by its purchase.

It will invite into Town, citizens with girls and boys, who are worth more to any community than any loss occasioned by taking such a lot, notwithstanding its high valuation. The trees on the lot in question are a very valuable addition to the site ; the approaches from two streets are also desirable. The elevation of the lot, it being high and dry, enhances its value, also. The building proposed is for the high purpose of education, one of the great agencies in the welfare of the Commonwealth, and the prosperity of the country, and it is worthy that it be built upon the very best lot of ground which the Town affords, the one most suitable for the purpose. We are building for posterity and the first requisite is a good location. The benefits derived from the new building and its appropriate surroundings will be enjoyed by all citizens, and more of the tax payers will receive a direct benefit from the money expended in this way than by any other that can be mentioned. The greatest caution should be used, that, in the expenditure of the Town's money for house and site, the Town may receive full value for every dollar expended.

The courses of instruction in our best High schools have been broadened and enlarged in all departments. Great advance has been made in the use of the laboratory method of instruction in all High school work during the past few years, and its influence is felt in all departments of instruction, even in the languages, and it behooves us to take time and care sufficient in laying our plans to meet all the exigencies of the case in such a way that when we have completed the building upon the most desirable site we shall have the same satisfaction which has been experienced by our citizens in reviewing the action taken by the Town, at the suggestion of the Committee, on the location and erection of the Highland building on Middlesex avenue. That building will always be a joy and a pride to the Town, because it is a thing of beauty, adapted to

the purpose for which it was built, and rightly located, in the building of which, the Town received full value for every dollar expended. The members of the Committee are impressed with the great responsibility of the undertaking in the matter of our High school. We feel deeply that no mistake should be made, either in the building itself, the surroundings, or in the administration of it.

Therefore, we recommend that the Town accept the offer of Miss A. M. Sheak and purchase the lot on Sanborn and Linden streets with all the buildings thereon for the sum of eight thousand dollars, for a site for the new High school building.

Should the recommendations of the Committee be adopted and the proposed site secured, it is the intention of the Committee to submit to the Town some time during the year, plans for a new High school building.

The Committee desires instruction in regard to the selling of the school house on Main street in the north part of the Town.

VACANCIES

The terms of Mary L. Nesmith and Henry C. Parker expire at the ensuing town meeting.

APPROPRIATIONS

The Committee recommends the sum of \$24,200 for regular school expenses, and the sum of \$4,800 for incidental school expenses.

Adopted in Committee Feb. 12, 1904.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.*

HORACE G. WADLIN

ELIZABETH H. BROWN

HENRY C. PARKER

MARY L. NESMITH

GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Reading:

My fifth annual report, the eleventh in the series, is herewith respectfully submitted.

Considering first the condition of our school buildings, it is a source of satisfaction to be able to report that they are all in better condition today than they have been during the last five years. The greatest outlay this year was necessitated by the large increase in the enrollment of the High school.

At the close of the school year it became certain that an enrollment of at least one hundred ninety (190) must be provided for and our plans were laid in accordance with that understanding. This required the removal of the desk platforms and arranging the desks in alternate double rows throughout the main room. The desks in single rows were provided with new adjustable castings and thirty new desks were set in the space gained by the new arrangement.

The first week of school gave us an enrollment of two hundred twelve (212), which increased to two hundred eighteen (218) for the first month and continued at that number through the first four months of the year.

With so large a school it was very soon found that the building was not arranged to give the needed recitation rooms for so many large classes, and the only feasible plan for securing relief

was decided upon. A partition was built across the main room during the last week of October when school closed on Friday for the County Convention. By careful planning and working well into the evening it was finished so that no loss of school work was sustained.

With this additional room it was possible to relieve the pressure of work by the employment of another teacher and prepare the way for giving due attention to rhetoricals for the remainder of the year.

Regarding our accommodations I can only repeat what was given in my last report, that more room must be provided by September of this year, or part of the schools will necessarily be given half day sessions.

The census of last September showed a gain of thirty-seven between the ages of five years and fifteen years, while for two years previous the gain was twenty-five each year. This showing, together with the fact that ten of our schools have an enrollment of fifty or more, indicates a permanent growth in our school population. As lack of room made it impossible to admit new pupils last spring, so a still less number of unoccupied desks forbids our admitting them the coming spring.

In my judgment the best solution of the problem is the building of a new home for the High school and so setting free the present building for the accommodation of the intermediate grades.

Present indications point to an entering class for the High school of about seventy-five pupils next September, which means securing an outside recitation room or arranging the daily program for two sessions and perhaps both.

Three of the rooms are too small to accommodate classes that must recite at certain hours of the day, and the laboratories are far from properly equipped to do the work required to be done in them.

I mention these conditions to show how imperative is the

necessity for taking the initial steps to secure a new High school building at once.

We have received the certificate of the New England College Entrance Certificate Board, which allows our pupils admission without entrance examination, to the following colleges: Amherst College, Boston University, Bowdoin College, Brown University, Dartmouth College, Mt. Holyoke College, Smith College, Tufts College, University of Maine, Wellesley College, Wesleyan University.

In order to accomplish the required work in different subjects, some changes have already been made in our work as outlined two years ago, and still further change will become necessary to meet the college requirements.

As more time must be given to some subjects than we have given before, this increase of work, together with the gain in enrollment of thirty-seven, called for the services of another teacher, and Miss Gertrude C. Brown was secured to take the classes in French and German.

The resignations of Mr. F. E. Whittemore and Miss Clara D. Merriman were received at the close of the school year and their places were filled by the election of Mr. Harry T. Watkins of Old Town, Me., and Miss Mildred L. Powell of Orono, Me. Miss Christina M. Scott was able to resume work at the beginning of the year, and after a two years' absence she was warmly welcomed to the corps of teachers of the Reading High school.

Several changes have taken place among the grade teachers during the past year. In January, Miss Mabel R. Miller found that her health required that she give up her work with us, and Miss Florence B. Messer was elected to succeed her. In March, Miss Esther G. Bailey received a call from Malden at an advance of about two hundred dollars in salary, and Miss Cora J. Gile was secured to take her work. After the June election all the teachers

accepted their positions except Miss Kenerson of the Prospect street school. Miss Emma E. Morse was elected to take one room of seventh grade and Miss Rosa E. Richardson was given the other room of seventh grade. Miss May M. Badger was assigned to a sixth grade and Miss Florence B. Messer was given work in the eighth grade.

Schools opened last September with only one new teacher in the grades, which was an unusual experience for us and one that was appreciated all the more because of its rarity.

Our fortunate condition was destined to be of short duration, for early in October Mrs. Drew was elected to a position in Somerville at a salary of six hundred fifty dollars (\$650), and in November Miss Morgan was elected to a position in Medford at a salary of six hundred dollars (\$600). Miss Evarts was transferred from Chestnut Hill school to take the school of fourth grade in the Highland school left by Mrs. Drew, and Miss Florence B. Parker was elected to take the primary school at Chestnut Hill. Miss Mabel Darrah of Manchester, N. H., was secured to take the primary school at John street left by Miss Morgan.

Besides these permanent changes, the past four months have brought us an unusual number of cases of substitute service. In addition to the usual number of cases of a day or half day at a time, in November it became necessary to provide for the work of Miss Page, who was called to endure a long period of sickness, and in December Miss Lane was also obliged to give way to a substitute. Mrs. Granger is still in charge of Miss Page's work and Miss Pierce is still in Miss Lane's room at the Union street school. In December, too, Miss Badger found it necessary to stop work for a time and Miss Moore was secured to take her room.

Reports from Miss Page and Miss Lane indicate that we shall soon see them in their accustomed places. They have our warmest sympathy and we sincerely hope that they will soon be able to re-

turn to their work with renewed strength to give us their efficient service.

COURSE OF STUDY

Brief reference has been made to the slight modification of our High school work on account of the additional requirements of the colleges.

Careful consideration leads us to recommend the course in History which will be found appended to this report to supersede the one now offered, as soon as the transition can be made satisfactorily. This conforms to the college requirements and for those who have no opportunity to pursue their studies beyond the High school, the course presents an orderly survey of the history of the world's great nations, terminating with an intensive study of American History with special reference to its bearing upon the development of our system of government.

It is a pleasure to report on the success and popularity of our commercial course. The beginning of this year found sixty-six (66) pupils electing Stenography, fifty-three (53) Juniors and thirteen (13) Seniors, about the same number taking Typewriting, while only twenty-eight elected these subjects a year ago. In spite of the increase in the classes, the instructor in this study has succeeded in securing a high grade of work. She reports that at the close of the first four months of the school year the average speed for the Juniors in Stenography is ninety-five (95) words per minute, and for the Seniors one hundred forty-five (145) per minute, while individuals of the respective classes have attained a speed of 100 and 150.

In Typewriting, accuracy as well as speed has been the aim. Dictation has been taken on the machine as well as copy work, and shorthand notes have been transcribed. The interest continues keen as the results given indicate. Among the Seniors a speed of

sixty-five (65) words per minute has been attained already with good prospect of improving this record before the end of June.

In spite of our poor equipment for doing the best work in Chemistry, Physics, Botany and Zoology, our course in these subjects is laid out on modern lines and meets the approval of the Certificate Board before mentioned. All the greater credit is due to the teachers who find their work thus handicapped.

While the work of the school has always been strong in Latin and Greek, this year is the first in which the Freshman class in Latin has been ready to take up Caesar at the middle of the year. This shows good work both here and in the eighth grade of last year.

With a large share of the Mathematics in charge of the present teacher of that subject, we have reason to expect that this work will continue to reach the high standard previously maintained by her.

In French and German the pupils manifest a keen interest in their work and a spirit of co-operation with their teacher, and these conditions will always secure the best possible results under existing conditions.

To meet the higher requirement of the colleges our work this year is strengthened by the use of the conversational method, and our pupils show marked progress toward a fluent command of those languages.

The report of the Master includes the following suggestions, which I endorse and recommend for your consideration in the near future :

“1st. The establishment of a system of diploma points :”

“2d. That the option of electing studies be confined to the general course :”

“3d. That Biology (including Botany and Zoology) be made a five hour study in the Freshman year.”

Another suggestion concerning the treatment of Music is well worthy of consideration now that credit is given for this part of a pupil's education by a number of our higher institutions. Our High school is rapidly undergoing the transformation from the small school to the large suburban school, and new plans of work must be adopted suited to its growing needs. The consideration of diploma credits involves the question of educational values of the different subjects studied, as well as the time devoted to them, and all these matters force themselves upon us with greater emphasis as our number increases.

The work in the grades is developing along lines adopted two and three years ago in the fundamental studies of the course.

In Arithmetic the results secured by the use of the Werner series of arithmetics are very satisfactory.

One evidence that our work is approved by others is found in the fact that a class of fifth grade pupils from Miss Alice E. Hood's room was selected by Dr. Gertrude Edmund, to illustrate the spiral plan of teaching, numbers before the Mass. State Teachers' Association in convention at Boston last November.

Dr. Edmund is principal of the Lowell Training School and was elected director of the elementary section of the convention work.

In Grammar and Language work our teachers are securing still better results as they avail themselves of the various suggestions afforded by the latest text books in this kind of work, and study the condition of the class carefully in order to adapt the lessons to their present needs. In the eighth grade considerable interest in writing stories has been aroused and the co-operation of our local editors have been secured to heighten this interest by publishing in *The Chronicle* a few of the best productions. We desire right here to express our high appreciation of the Messrs. Twomblys' evident desire to render all the aid in their power to further the interest of our schools.

This plan of putting in print the best productions in English is one of the several means used to arouse in the pupils the desire to put forth his best effort, to show that he remembers the early lessons taught. Another means, which we have not used to any great extent, is opening correspondence with pupils of other sections of the country. This gives a real interest in letter writing and additional zest to the study of History or Geography as facts of either kind are thus secured. This plan is found helpful in those schools where it has been tried, and I recommend that our pupils be given the opportunity to profit by this method.

In Geography our plan of work is taking on more definite form as the material outside the regular text books, the Frye series, is secured. In the second, third, and fourth grades the first, second, and third books of the "Around the World" series are found very helpful. In the fourth, fifth, and sixth the Tarr-McMurry series gives much useful information, while Carpenter's Geographical Readers give needed help in the work of seventh, and eighth grades. Our teachers are making great gain in treating the subject so that the pupils get a good idea of the life of the people in other lands, comparing their customs and habits of living with our own, and thus connecting the work in geography with real life.

Our work in History is becoming more systematic than formerly in the grades below the seventh, as we are able to secure the material best adapted to the different grades. As low as the second grade we find the recent revision of Mara L. Pratt's history stories very interesting reading, while a little more difficult material is found suitable for fifth, and sixth grades. The love for the great men whose lives have accomplished so much in the development of our country gives added interest to the detailed study which is taken up in seventh, and eighth grades.

The continued use of the Ivanhoe Historical Note Book proves of great value in developing an ability to gather from various sources the facts of special interest in connection with each topic

thus treated. As a means of forming the habit of bringing facts into a systematic arrangement, I know of nothing better.

Work in Manual Training continues along the lines indicated a year ago. Since last March the Sloyd work has been given to the boys of sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, while sewing has been given to the girls of these grades.

The interest of the pupils continues unabated, while the girls displayed work at the May exhibit which would do credit to those of greater maturity. As suggested in my last report, basketry has been taught in the fifth grade by those teachers who were ambitious to learn this work a year ago. This gives a pleasing variety for three months of the year in place of cardboard construction, which is taken once a week for the remainder of the year.

In Sloyd the advantage of giving the boys of sixth grade an opportunity to begin this work is already apparent, and the instructor reports, that, when the grading is fully established, our eighth grade will rank very nearly with the ninth in other towns in this subject. Another gain in this department was the change of plan by which the mechanical drawing connected with it has been given to the teacher of Sloyd, who can in this way direct the entire mental process of the pupils, observation, and definite reception of ideas as the working model is studied, and expression as the drawing is made, and later as the model is fashioned with the tools. This gives the instructor a better opportunity to hold the boys to good logical thinking in this work, and so derive still greater benefit from it.

Very creditable programs arranged for various anniversaries as Thanksgiving Day, Christmas, Longfellow's, Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays, Patriots' Day, and Memorial Day are found to be an effective means for developing patriotism.

Humane Education still receives its share of attention, and the occasional programs of our Bands of Mercy produce an impression

whose influence is sure to be lasting. In this connection, it affords great pleasure to acknowledge the gift of twenty-two volumes by a friend whose generosity was enlisted in our behalf through the kindly suggestion of Rev. A. J. Leach, State Agent of the Society for Humane Education.

Special effort was made last April to raise funds for providing additional pictures for our schools, and an exhibition of fine carbon photographs from the H. K. Turner collection, held in Highland Hall, April 22-25, yielded two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225). On October 28th, this amount stood eighth on the list of the firm's orders in a prize competition for the largest order of 1903 in proportion to population.

The following pictures were secured, sufficient to allow one to nearly every school room in town :

Sunset Glow	Rieche
Spirit of '76	Willard
Children of the Shell	Murillo
Golden Autumn Days	Marke
Wait a Minute	Elsley
Return to the Barnyard	Troyou
Fog Warning	Homer
Children of Charles I	Van Dyke
Girl with Cat	Hoecker
Distinguished Member of Humane Society	Landseer
Kittens in Hat	Dolph
Oxen Ploughing	Bonheur
Lion of Lucerne	Thorwaldsen
Kittens at Play	Adam
The Windmill	Ruysdael
King Charles Spaniels	Landseer
Penelope Boothby	Reynolds
Breaking Home Ties	Hovenden
Horses of Diomedes—a plaster relief	

The eighth grade, following the custom of the Highland School, gave an entertainment in which Scottish songs and Scottish dress combined to produce one of the most delightful programs ever rendered by the Highland School. The proceeds proved sufficient to purchase a bust of Wagner with bracket, an etching of Stratford-on-Avon church, a Dutch landscape in color and a photogravure named Sea Gulls.

These additions mark a definite progress in the work of making beautiful the environment of our children while in school. The influence of all this cannot be overestimated. It means the difference between the old regime when so great reverence was paid to drudgery as a good in itself, to uncomfortable surroundings, cushionless pews in church, for example, as a means of grace, and the new order of things which demands especially for the children the most comfortable and beautiful surroundings, in which their whole nature may be called into activity and developed along the highest plane of moral and ethical culture.

In close connection with this it is proper to refer to the report of the Supervisor of Drawing, as this work throughout the schools is designed to develop an appreciation for the beautiful as well as to provide another means of soul expression. I quote from Miss Parker's report.

"The biennial exhibition of drawing was held this year as usual, in connection with those of manual training and sewing, June 17-20, and showed gratifying progress and improvement in all grades. This exhibit illustrates fully the course of study in drawing. Beginning with the youngest pupils especial emphasis is laid upon nature drawing in fall and spring. Colored crayons make an excellent medium for their childish representations of bright leaves, berries, flowers and fruit. Simple objects of attractive form and color are drawn with freedom and delight, developing considerable power of observation and recognition of form. First grade pupils are taught the use of the ruler and to measure by inches, the second

grade by half inches, and the third by quarter inches. Brush work is begun in the third grade, with ink for silhouette nature drawing in the autumn, and liquid water colors for design, which in its simplest elements is studied during the spring term. The intermediate grades continue the ink brush drawing with more difficult subjects. Simple working drawings form the mechanical drill for these grades in addition to cardboard construction work. Pictorial representation of objects includes a little shading, and the simplest of perspective principles, the foreshortening of circular and rectangular faces. The seventh and eighth grades continue and amplify the same lines of work with, of course, increased facility of expression.

"Groups of interesting and beautiful objects drawn and shaded with crayon pencils form an important part of the representation work, illustrating the perspective principles of convergence and foreshortening as well as composition and arrangement. These groups have also been represented in water colors in three tones of gray or sepia. The color work in design is one of the most important and interesting features for bowls, vases, stained glass windows, book covers, surface patterns for textile fabrics, borders for rugs. The color and design work of the High school was particularly noticeable at the exhibition, and received the highest commendation for beauty and harmony of color and originality of design. The mechanical course of the High school includes geometric problems, orthographic projection, sections, etc. The Sophomore class had a little practice in representing light and shade by means of charcoal, and made good progress for the time allowed, and considering the cramped and rather unsuitable conditions of the class room.

"Drawing is elective in the second year but should be obligatory for those pupils who expect to attend Normal or Technical Schools. A teacher needs all the practice and experience possible in this line not only during the Normal course but much more in grade teach-

ing. Ability to teach drawing is an indispensable requirement of the modern teacher.

"The pupils of the eighth grade were invited to design a cover for the year book of the Reading Home for Aged Women. Master Forrest Eames won the honor of first choice by submitting a very attractive but simple design which was accepted by the committee."

The cover for this report was also selected from the numerous designs submitted by pupils of the eighth grade.

One proof of the excellence of Miss Parker's work in our schools is found in the request of the president of the Eastern Art Teachers' Association that she send an exhibit of pupils' work in design for the annual meeting at Baltimore, April 22-24. As only twenty supervisors of the hundreds located east of the Alleghanies were requested to contribute to the exhibit, the honor of such recognition was highly esteemed by her.

This collection was sent later to Knoxville, Tenn., for the benefit of a summer school for teachers enrolling more than twenty-five hundred people, and soon after came the invitation to allow it to become a part of a permanent exhibit at the University of Tennessee.

We feel that we are to be congratulated upon having so efficient a director of this work, and I recommend that her suggestion regarding drawing in the High school be carried out.

In referring to the condition of Music in our schools, it is unfortunately necessary to report that Mr. Archibald, our Supervisor of Music for nine years, felt called to accept a position with the Salem Normal School at the close of last school year.

The position thus made vacant was soon filled by the election of Mr. Ernst Makechnie, who is also Supervisor of Music in Winchester.

In spite of the change it is encouraging to be able to report that the work is carried on with enthusiasm and both teachers and

pupils look forward to his weekly visits with pleasing anticipation. In his report he refers to the condition of Music in our schools as follows :

"I may say without exaggeration that the Reading schools have been doing work in music that is above the average. In all that counts for good singing, accuracy of intonation, good quality of tone, and success in reading, the results are excellent.

"In the first grade the work consists of singing dictation exercises and rote songs. We present the tones of the scale and teach three sets of names: the first, the Italian syllables being used by the pupils in singing; the second, the numerals; and the third, the intervals, or names for two combined tones, being used by the teacher in giving commands.

"Pupils are taught to recognize tones and intervals by ear, and if a teacher plays easy combinations of tones on an instrument, first grade children can recognize them, sing them, and name them.

"After the tones and intervals have been learned and named, we present the pictures (staff notation) used to represent them, and, if the first step has been carefully taught, the second is easily learned. Pupils of the second and third grades read easy exercises in any key with rapidity and ease. In these grades we encourage much individual singing.

"In grades IV to VIII inclusive we give more attention to voice culture and to teaching the management of the voice with special reference to obtaining a soft, pure tone. We try to explain to boys and alto girls that there are two registers; that the lower one, called the "chest voice," must not be carried or forced too high, which would produce a harsh or screaming voice, and we give exercises illustrating this point. In these grades we try to extend the compass of the sopranos by having them sing exercises with the vowels *a* and *oo*. Incidental to the voice culture exercises are certain physical exercises in breathing.

"The High school work is of a more advanced character. Here

the pupils have mastered the difficulties of reading and they are ready to undertake more severe and exacting tasks.

"It is the custom, in teaching literature, to acquaint pupils with the works of the best authors and to give them familiarity with some complete works. This plan is rarely followed in music, but let it be said to the credit of the Committee and Mr. Archibald that more has been done in Reading in the direction of giving complete musical works than is generally done in schools.

"My experience with High school choruses leads me to believe that they have been very much underestimated both in their appreciation of classic works and in their ability to perform them successfully.

"A beginning has been made in the formation and care of a library of octavo music. To this library I should like to add, each year, one cantata, and several smaller choruses representing the best musical authorship; for in music, as in literature, we can create a taste for the best by giving the best."

With this review of our work I wish to acknowledge the hearty cooperation of our teachers and express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Committee for their helpful support.

Respectfully submitted,

MELVILLE A. STONE,

Supt. of Schools.

AN OUTLINE OF THE COURSE IN HISTORY

1st Year. Ancient History, including the following subjects : A study of the early eastern nations, first six weeks of the fall term ; Greek History through the conquest of the Greeks by the Romans, fifteen weeks ; Roman History through the reign of Charlemagne, or up to 800 A. D., nineteen weeks, four periods a week.

2nd Year. Mediaeval and Modern History. Myer's Mediaeval and Modern History as text book, forty weeks, three periods a week.

3rd Year. English History, forty weeks, three periods a week.

4th Year. Two courses to be offered this year.

(1) American History and Civil Government. Text book, McLaughlin's History of the American Nation ; forty weeks, four periods a week.

(2) A review course in Greek and Roman History for college preparatory students ; forty weeks, three periods a week. Text books, Myer's Greece and Myer's Rome—Its Rise and Fall.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER

FROM JAN. 1, 1903, TO JUNE 30, 1903

To the Superintendent:

Number of absentees reported	42
Cases found to be truancy	18
Cases found to be sickness	4
Insufficiently clothed	10
Kept at home	8
Out of town	2
Taken to school	17

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. BUTTERS,

Truant Officer.

REPORT OF THE TRUANT OFFICER

FROM SEPT. 8, 1903, TO DEC. 31, 1903

To M. A. Stone, Superintendent:

Number of absentees reported	10
Cases found to be truancy	7
Insufficiently clothed and kept by parents	3
Persuaded to attend school	7
Clothed and returned to school	3

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SMITH,

Truant Officer.

Reading, Jan. 16, 1904.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

READING HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 1903

OLD SOUTH CHURCH

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25

AT 7.45 O'CLOCK

PROGRAM

“NULLA DIES SINE VICTORIA”

PRAYER

REV. W. W. BOWERS

SINGING, Gloria

From Mozart's Twelfth Mass

SCHOOL

SALUTATORY AND ESSAY

“The Fruits of Friendship”

*BESSIE MAXWELL PARKER

ESSAY

“Robert Burns and His Songs”

FLORA MORVENA RAMSAY

CHORUS

“From the Building of the Ship”

Lahee

SCHOOL

ORATION

“The Working Man's Point of View”

FREDERICK MELVIN DAY

ORATION

“The Capitalists' Point of View”

W. HOMER MORRISON

SINGING

“Snow Flakes”

Cowen

GIRLS' CHORUS

ESSAY

“The Mystery of the Roses”

*ELSIE MITCHELL PRATT

SINGING

“Hunting Song”

Smart

SCHOOL

ORATION AND VALEDICTORY

“Prohibition as a Method of Dealing with Intemperance”

*RICHARD JOHN WALSH

SINGING

“Pilgrim's Chorus”

Wagner

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

MR. WALTER S. PARKER

*Equal in Rank

NAMES OF GRADUATES

CLASSICAL COURSE

Richard John Walsh
 Ruby Hopkinson Abbott

Clover Granger
 Elsie Mitchell Pratt

LATIN-SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Chester Warren Nichols

Augustus Curtis Wiswall

NORMAL COURSE

Helen Augusta Emerson

Bessie Maxwell Parker

GENERAL COURSE

Lawrence Houghton Crafts
 Frederick Melvin Day
 Frank Edward Hutchins
 William Homer Morrison
 Emma Jane Boyd
 Margaret Stanslaw Cauty
 Ethel Helena Howard

Florence Maude Muse
 Flora Morvena Ramsay
 Carrie May Ridlon
 Helen Adelaide Roberts
 Hattie Frances Skillen
 Ermina Josephine Smith

GRADUATES FROM THE HIGHLAND SCHOOL, 1903

Adams, Charles
 Austin, Irving C.
 Batchelder, Bernice
 Becker, Edgar
 Blake, Earl C.
 Bosson, Genevieve
 Brown, Harold A.
 Buck, Malcom R.
 Buckle, Edith
 Canty, Daniel
 Canty, Timothy
 Carson, Amy
 Chadwick, Marion
 Chaney, Eugene
 Chase, Nancy
 Colby, Earl N.
 Connelly, Agnes C.
 Cullinane, Mary C.
 Daniels, Cora L.
 Davis, Annie M.
 Doyle, Etta M.
 Eames, Forrest
 Esterberg, William
 Flanders, Rena E.
 Gear, Ralph
 Green, Florence M.
 Hanscom, Beatrice
 Hodson, Dotty M.
 Holmes, Terrence R.
 Hunt, E. Norman
 Jewett, Philip L.

Johnson, Francis
 Jones, Lelia
 Killam, A. Clare
 Lee, Bertha D.
 Marshall, Hollis O.
 McClure, Ernest
 McGarry, Ellen
 Michilini, Asunta
 Morrison, Wm. H.
 Muse, Bella C.
 Newell, Josephine
 Nichols, Elsie A.
 O'Brien, John
 Parker, Charles J.
 Parker, Jennie F.
 Perry, Marion A.
 Quinlan, Joseph F.
 Ramsay, Donald
 Richardson, Harold
 Riley, Margaret S.
 Robinson, Charles
 Robinson, Violet B.
 Smith, Rachel B.
 Stewart, Helen E.
 Wallace, Roscoe
 Walsh, Marion E.
 Welch, Lu Ida F.
 Weston, Nelson R.
 Whall, Elizabeth
 Whittier, Sumner C.
 Winship, Arthur G.

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM REPORT TO THE STATE
BOARD IN APRIL, 1903, AND OTHER
ITEMS OF INTEREST

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 5 AND 15 YEARS

Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	832
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	853
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	890
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	915
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	967

NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN TOWN BETWEEN 7 AND 14 YEARS

Sept. 1899	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1900	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	648
" 1901	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	680
" 1902	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	636
" 1903	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	682

Length of school year, 1902-1903 40 wks

Number of days lost from stormy days, etc. 19.5

Actual length of school year 9 mos. .5 dys

Number of different pupils enrolled for the year ending
June 20, 1903 1073

Average number in each of the twelve grades for first four months
of school year:

YEAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	Spe.	Tot'l
1899	120	103	102	87	108	75	93	68	56	46	17	23	5	903
1900	127	136	66	107	89	98	66	82	49	37	36	14	0	907
1901	177	102	108	77	105	87	97	64	61	42	28	25	5	978
1902	142	126	90	86	117	98	100	70	56	64	34	21	4	1008
1903	127	114	103	104	86	109	97	93	63	61	53	31	9	1050

TEACHERS IN SERVICE, WHERE EDUCATED, YEAR WHEN FIRST APPOINTED

ALSO ENROLLMENT FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 24, 1903

School	Grade	Teacher	Where Educated	Year First Appointed	Salary	Total Enrollment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attendance	(Cases of Tardiness)	Neither Tardy nor Absent
High	XII	Harry T. Watkins, Master	Colby University Dartmouth	1903	\$1,700	224	215.7	209.6	97	122	75
"	XI	Fred W. Gentleman, Sub-Mas.	Boston Normal	1902	725	31					8
"	X	Christina M. Scott	Salem Normal	1895	800	53					1
"	IX	Mabel S. Robbins	Roseton University, 2 yrs.	1901	750	61					3
"	Special	Jennie E. Wier	Roseton University	1901	750	64					1
"		Jennie F. Currier	Rochester, Special	1900	750	64					1
"		Carrle L. Mason	State University	1902	575	10					1
"		Mildred L. Powell	State University of Maine	1903	550						1
"		Gerrude C. Brown	Boston, Paris, Lucerne	1903	550						1
Highland	VIII	Alice Barrows, Principal	Bridgewater Normal	1880	350						1
"	VIII	Emma S. Page, Ass't Prin.	N. H. State Normal	1889	600						1
"	VII	Florence B. Mosser	Mt. Holyoke College	1903	425						1
"	VII	Emma E. Morse	N. H. State Normal	1903	500						1
"	VI	Rosa F. Gilchrist	Hyanis Summer Sch., 2 yrs.	1903	475						1
"	VI	Corra J. Gile	Gorham Normal	1903	475						1
"	VI-V	Mary M. Badger	Bridgewater Normal	1902	425						1
"	IV	Alice E. Hood	Concord, N. H., Training	1902	450						1
"	IV	Edith A. Estes	Gorham Normal	1901	450						1
"	IV	Bessie G. Hurlbutt	New Haven Normal	1901	400						1
Union St.	III	Ada K. Evans	Salem Normal	1899	500						1
"	III	Laura C. Pollard, Principal	N. H. State Normal	1901	450						1
"	III	Ruth E. Lane	Reading High	1884	400						1
"	I	Annie P. Reid	Reading High	1898	400						1
"	I	Myra K. Parker	Salem Normal	1894	400						1
John St.	I	M. Grace Wakefield	Oberlin College	1890	450						1
"	I	Lucy E. Morgan	Worcester Normal	1894	500						1
Prospect St.	IV-III	Margaret C. Duncan	Lowell Normal	1903	450						1
"	II-I	Clara B. Wright	Lowell Normal	1902	425						1
Chestnut Hill	VI-V-IV	Gerrude B. Howard	Lowell Normal	1902	350						1
"	III-II-I	Florence B. Parker	Quincy Training	1900	400						1
Lowell St.	III-II-I	Mary W. Gill	Prang's Normal	1902	400						1
Special Teachers		Ernest B. Parker	Graduated under Holt and Eichberg; Paris 1 yr.	1892	425						1
Drawing Music		Ermst Machehmie		1903	500						1
Sewing Manual Training		Mary J. Wilson		1902	125						1
		Walter F. Brackett		1902	480						1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriations :

General, for superintendent, teachers, janitors and fuel	\$22,500 00
Contingent, for incidentals, books and supplies	3,500 00
Received for tuition	677 00
Received for rent	13 00
Received for material sold	8 31
	<hr/> \$26,698 31

EXPENDITURES

Paid for teachers, janitors, and fuel	\$20,810 55
Paid incidental expenses	2,077 19
Paid for books and supplies	2,359 53
Paid Superintendent of Schools	1,000 00
Transportation	424 50
Truant Officer	20 00
Rent of Main st. lot	5 00
Total expenses	<hr/> \$26,696 37
Balance	1 94
General appropriation	\$22,500 00
Paid Superintendent	\$ 1,000 00
Paid teachers	17,824 62
Paid janitors	1,654 08
Paid fuel	1,331 45
Paid transportation	424 50
Paid Truant Officer	20 00
Paid rent of Main st. lot	5 00
	<hr/> \$22,259 65
Balance	240 35

Appropriations for incidentals, and sup- plies	\$3,500 00	
Received for tuition	677 00	
Received for rent	13 00	
Received for material sold	8 31	
	<hr/>	\$4,198 31
Paid incidental expenses	\$2,077 19	
Paid for books and supplies	2,359 53	
	<hr/>	\$4,436 72
Overdraft		238 41
Balance on general account		240 35
Unexpended balance		1 94

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

PAID TEACHERS OF HIGH SCHOOL

F. E. Whittemore, 6 mos.	\$1,050 00	
Harry T. Watkins, 4 mos.	680 00	
Fred W. Gentleman	680 00	
Mabel S. Robbins	750 00	
Jennie E. Wier	735 00	
Jennie F. Currier	720 00	
Carrie L. Mason	560 00	
Clara D. Merriman	416 07	
M. Hannah Wait	33 93	
Mildred L. Powell	220 00	
Christina M. Scott	320 00	
Gertrude C. Brown	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,225 09

HIGHLAND SCHOOL

Alice Barrows	\$920 00	
Emma S. Page	559 00	
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,479 00	

<i>Amount brought forward</i>		\$1,479 00
Florence B. Messer		340 50
Esther G. Bailey		116 07
Mabel R. Miller		37 50
Rosa E. Richardson		432 46
Cora J. Gile		336 25
May M. Badger		392 94
Emma E. Morse		200 00
Alice E. Hood		433 31
Edith A. Estes		433 31
Jennie A. Drew		375 00
Bessie G. Hurlbutt		376 52
Margaret C. Duncan		253 41
Ada R. Evarts		100 00
	<hr/>	\$5,306 27

UNION ST. SCHOOL

Laura C. Pollard	\$498 12
Ruth E. Lane	433 31
Annie P. Reid	400 00
Myra K. Parker	400 00
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	\$1,731 43

JOHN ST. SCHOOL

Lucy E. Morgan	\$500 00
M. Grace Wakefield	450 00
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	\$950 00

PROSPECT ST. SCHOOL

Maud B. Kenerson	\$222 89
Clara B. Wright	410 00
Margaret C. Duncan	180 00
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	\$812 89

CHESTNUT HILL SCHOOL

Gertrude B. Howard	\$341 46	
Ada R. Evarts	280 77	
Florence B. Parker	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$722 23

LOWELL ST. SCHOOL

Mary W. Gill	\$382 09
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SPECIAL TEACHERS

Annie B. Parker, drawing	\$410 00	
F. W. Archibald, music	390 00	
Ernest Makechnie, music	200 00	
Mary J. Wilson, sewing	125 00	
Walter F. Brackett, manual training	452 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,577 00

SUBSTITUTES

Mrs. Abbie Granger	\$77 00	
Mrs. Frances S. Mansfield	4 00	
Mrs. Mabel Nutter	3 28	
Mrs. Emma F. Bird	6 00	
May E. Clapp	3 94	
Florence B. Parker	1 00	
Marion Pratt	8 26	
Jennie B. Parker	4 23	
E. Laura Moore	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 71

PAID JANITORS

Clement Gleason, Highland	\$783 33
Frank A. Butters, (7 mos.) High, Union St. and John St.	390 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/>	\$1,173 33
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,173 33
Harry E. Jenkins, (5 mos.) High, Union St. and John St.	204 50
Herbert Stock, High, Union St. and John St.	26 25
Timothy Cummings, Prospect St. . . .	120 00
Charles F. Bessom, Lowell St.	50 00
Robert E. Parker, Chestnut Hill	80 00
	<hr/> \$1,654 08

GENERAL FUND

FUEL

Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	\$397 91
Barrows, H. C.	28 13
Batchelder, H. W.	6 00
Bessom, Charles F.	2 00
Butters, Frank A.	3 00
Cummings, Timothy	1 00
Johnson, H. R.	127 50
Leach, W. H.	10 50
Martin, Calvin L.	423 41
Parker, Asa	16 50
Parker, Robert E.	2 00
Ramsdell, Geo. E.	6 00
Smith, Robert C.	7 50
	<hr/> \$1,331 45

TRANSPORTATION

Borthwick Bros.	\$320 00
Lawrence & Reading St. Ry.	168 50
	<hr/> \$488 50

TRUANT OFFICER

Frank A. Butters	\$20 00
Rent of Main St. School lot	\$5 00

CONTINGENT ACCOUNT

American Express	\$17 75
Atkinson, Geo. H.	14 49
Babb, E. E. & Co.	60
Bancroft, F. J.	15 00
Bancroft, Lewis M.	99 70
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	41 64
Beattie Zinc Works	60
Bent, L. G.	5 94
Bessom, Chas. F.	15 45
Blunt, John A.	2 00
Brown, Frederick H.	14 00
Burgess, R. P.	13 00
Chandler Adjustable Chair and Desk Works	246 00
Chandler & Barber	6 21
Charles, M. F.	16 25
Clapp, R. D.	34 76
Cook, A. S. & Co.	25 92
Cook, W. F.	43 54
Cummings' Express	68 21
Cummings, Timothy	4 50
Electric Light and Power Dept.	32 69
Eames, L. T.	9 85
Francis Bros.	254 82
Gleason, J. W.	6 00
Harding, H. H.	2 00
Hammett, J. L. Co.	1 87
Jenkins, H. E.	3 25
Johnson, H. R.	215 18
Kendall, H. C.	5 55
Knott, L. E. Co.	50 91

Amount carried forward\$1,267 68

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,267 68
McDonald Bros.	19 00
McLean, J. W. & Co.	5 50
Meyers, C. F.	16 99
Miller, H. F. & Sons	8 00
Murphy, J. A.	13 00
Muse, John	27 00
Old South M. E. Church	22 50
Ordway, O. O.	75
Parker, Henry M.	16 00
Parker, Stillman E.	40 00
People's Gas & Electric Co.	15 00
Reading Water Works	137 48
Reading Masonic Asso.	11 00
Stearnes & Henderson	18 52
Stock, John	19 00
Stone, Melville A.	117 06
Symonds, O. P. & Sons	17 86
Tuttle, A. M. & Co.	220 00
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	18 25
Typewriter Exchange	38 00
Watkins, H. T.	5 60
Webster, Cook & Co.	16 00
Whall, Thomas	7 00
Zwicker, J.	1 00
	<hr/> \$2,077 19

SUPPLIES ACCOUNT

Allyn & Bacon	\$148 28
American Library Co.	12 00
American Book Co.	137 78
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$298 06

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$298 06
Appleton, D. & Co.	8 04
Atkinson, Geo. H.	9 83
Atkinson & Mentzer	12 54
Babb, E. E. & Co.	417 89
Baird, A. F.	10 00
Bancroft, Wendell & Co.	109 54
Barnard, F. J. & Co.	257 64
Birchard, C. C. & Co.	4 00
Carter, Rice & Co.	7 00
Continental Brush Co.	44 10
Cook, A. S. & Co.	5 83
Ditson, Oliver & Co.	18 48
Eagle Pencil Co.	78 29
Ginn & Co.	470 28
Globe School Book Co.	11 25
Green, G. W.	3 50
Hammett, J. L. Co.	18 15
Harding, H. H.	30 00
Healey, Jas. A.	4 55
Heath, D. C. & Co.	24 30
Holt, Henry & Co.	19 80
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	28 32
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	31 71
King, Geo. F. & Co.	4 00
Knott, L. E. Apparatus Co.	27 49
MacMillan Co., The	37 76
Metcalf, E. C.	1 17
Nichols, Arthur E.	3 00
Morse Co., The	6 00
Murphy, Leavens & Co.	9 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$2,008 52
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$2,008 52
Parker & Page	29 17
Rand, McNally & Co.	10 45
Reading Co-operative Ass'n	4 10
Silver, Burdett & Co.	155 16
Suffolk Ink Co.	4 00
Talbot Co., The	3 00
Thompson, Brown & Co.	33 00
Twombly, W. E. & J. F.	9 75
Typewriter Exchange	29 92
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	75
Willis, W. H.	1 81
Wilson, Mary J.	7 10
Winchester, Geo. A.	62 80
	<hr/> \$2,359 53

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$900 00
Proceeds of dog tax, 1902	554 30

EXPENSES

Rent:

Odd Fellows' Building Association . . .	\$475 00
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Light:

Reading Electric Light Department . . .	\$38 07
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Salaries:

L. S. Cox, librarian	175 00
B. L. Brown, librarian and assistant	142 50
Clover Granger, assistant	6 50
B. Y. Smith, janitor	5 00
Chas. Stinchfield, janitor	25 93
	\$354 93

Books:

Harper Bros.	\$21 00
H. S. Meek	2 00
Scribners' Sons	4 50
Essex Pub. Co.	51 76
Desmond Pub. Co.	16 00
Old Corner Book Store	165 29
C. E. Lauriat Co.	214 01
	\$474 56

Periodicals:

A. W. Danforth, subscriptions . . .	\$36 60
Harper Bros.	5 00
	\$41 60

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$1,384 16	\$1,450 30
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$1,384 16	\$1,450 30
Sundries:		
W. E. & J. F. Twombly, printing	\$33 00	
F. J. Barnard, binding	2 00	
Allen, Hall & Co., furnishings	20 50	
Henry Johnson	14 64	
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	\$70 14	
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	\$1,454 30	\$1,454 30

FINE ACCOUNT

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1903	\$157 00	
Received for catalogues	4 30	
Received for cards	6 00	
Received for fines	53 13	
	<hr/>	\$220 43
Paid for binding books	\$50 68	
Paid for cleaning	6 50	
Paid for express	5 70	
Paid for books and incidentals	6 57	
	<hr/>	\$69 45
Balance		<hr/>
		\$150 98

The following volumes have been presented to the Library:

NAMES OF DONORS	NUMBER OF VOLUMES
U. S. Documents and Reports	16
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	26
Others	7
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	49
Number of new volumes added	371
Total number in library	9,961
Circulation, year ending Dec. 31, 1903	17,821

Largest single month, March	1,761
Smallest, July	1,396

Miss Lizzie S. Cox, who had filled the position of librarian since June 5, 1876, resigned August 1, 1903. The vacancy was filled by the selection of Miss Bertha Brown, who had assisted Miss Cox during the preceding year, and Miss Clover Granger was appointed assistant.

The Trustees have been notified by Mrs. Annie C. Lawrence Perley, administratrix of the estate of Miss Climena Wakefield, that the library is to receive a legacy of \$200 from this estate. The amount will be paid to the Town Treasurer, and held subject to the order of the Trustees for the benefit of the library. Miss Wakefield was always a sincere friend of the library, and before her death had enriched it by generous gifts of books.

Except the incidents noted, the past year has been uneventful. The plan adopted early in the year of placing new accessions upon open shelves, where the books can be examined by patrons, has evidently been appreciated, and has resulted in promoting the circulation, which shows a considerable increase as compared with the preceding year. We regret to allude again to the disorderly conduct of a few of the young persons who frequent the library. Some of them fail to understand that the room is not intended for social meetings, and that loitering cannot be permitted there, nor any use of the library which does not accord with its purpose.

It may be found necessary to suspend certain offenders from library privileges, until such time as they show a disposition to conform to the rules. The Trustees are determined to enforce discipline within the building, in the interest of the patrons of the library, and they trust that they will receive the hearty co-operation and assistance of the parents of the young people who, perhaps thoughtlessly, are disinclined to conform to such reasonable regulations as are necessary.

The Trustees believing that it will be for the convenience of

patrons to extend the evening service have arranged to have the library open on the evenings of Wednesdays as well as Saturdays, and have dispensed with the Wednesday and Friday afternoon service, opening on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons. The library will therefore be open every day in the week, except Friday, either in the afternoon or evening.

Two vacancies in the Board will require to be filled at the ensuing Town Meeting, the terms of J. Woodward Manning and Horace G. Wadlin expiring.

We recommend an appropriation of \$900, the same as granted last year, in addition to the proceeds of the dog tax, for the maintenance of the library during the year ending January 31, 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman*,
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary*,
J. WOODWARD MANNING,
HENRY G. KITTREDGE,
HARLEY PRENTISS,
FREDERIC E. WHITTEMORE,

Trustees.

Reading, January, 1904.

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	APPROPRIATION	SUNDRY CREDITS	TOTAL AMOUNT INCLUDING APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	UNEX- PENDED	OVER- DRAWN
Salaries of Town Officers.....	\$3,500 00		\$3,500 00	\$3,573 47		\$73 47
Town Building and Office.....	300 00		300 00	493 16		193 16
Printing.....	750 00		750 00	699 55	\$20 45	
Election Expenses.....	300 00		300 00	348 38		48 38
Burial Agent's Account.....				35 00		35 00
Decoration and Care of Soldiers' Graves	175 00		175 00	175 00		
Electric Lights G. A. R. Hall.....	50 00		50 00	50 00		
Soldiers' Relief.....	1,500 00		1,500 00	1,328 40	171 60	
Soldiers' Relief, Acct. City of Brockton.....				115 46		
Soldiers' Relief, Acct. Town of Wakefield.....		\$115 46	115 46	10 25		
Soldiers' Relief, Acct. Town of North Reading.....		10 25	10 25	44 43		44 43
State and Military Aid.....	2,800 00		2,800 00	2,678 00	122 00	
Account Charles L. Haag.....				85 54		85 54
Grace McKay vs. Town of Reading.....				61 60		61 60
Care of Old South Clock.....	50 00		50 00	50 00		
Rent of Playground.....	150 00		150 00	171 00		171 00
Care and Improvement of Common and Parks.....	150 00		150 00	148 70	1 30	
Edgestones around Common.....	65 00		65 00	148 88	1 12	
Spraying Apparatus.....	75 00		75 00	63 35	1 65	
Reading Home for Aged Women.....				75 00		
Swan Estate.....		108 00	108 00	11 85	96 15	
Reading Water Works.....	14,290 00		14,290 00	14,290 00		
Municipal Light & Power Plant.....	12,280 00		12,280 00	13,680 00		
Interest on School House Bonds.....	1,320 00	1,400 00	13,680 00	13,680 00		
Interest on School House Notes.....	312 50		312 50	312 50	20 00	
School House Bonds, Issue Aug. 1, 1895.....	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,000 00		
Haven Street Note.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,000 00		
Miscellaneous Expenses.....		22 46	1,022 46	915 62	106 84	
Interest.....	600 00	1,910 33	2,510 33	2,794 06		283 73
Abatement of Taxes.....			600 00	599 77	23	
Highways, Bridges and Repairs of Sidewalks, Macadamizing Main St. from Minot St. to B. & M. R. Crossing.....	3,000 00	4,298 58	7,298 58	7,298 58		
Street Sprinkling.....		426 25	426 25	426 25		
Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (Abut- ments to pay one-half).....	200 00	87 43	287 43	175 62	111 81	
Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks, Paved Gutters	250 00	3 25	253 25	245 50	7 75	
Repairs of Concrete.....	300 00	54 68	354 68	354 68		
Removal of Snow and Ice.....	500 00		500 00	467 60	32 40	

Fire Department.....	4,450 00	7 85	4,457 85	4,520 05	2 49	62 20
Fore Fire.....	150 00	.....	150 00	147 51	.....	.....
Fire Alarm Box 4L, Green and Village Sts.....	75 00	.....	75 00	66 02	8 98	.....
Police Department.....	2,600 00	122 00	2,722 00	2,725 15	.....	3 15
Board of Health.....	600 00	4 30	604 30	478 07	126 23	.....
Laurel Hill Cemetery.....	900 00	1,462 84	2,362 84	1,773 07	589 77	.....
Tree Warden Account.....	200 00	.....	200 00	200 94	.....	94
Overseers of the Poor Account.....	4,000 00	1,397 90	5,397 90	6,218 46	.....	820 56
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	.....	49 15	49 15	98 65	.....	49 50
City of Woburn.....	.....	53 46	53 46	99 56	.....	46 16
City of Melrose.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00	.....	17 00
City of Waltham.....	.....	96 00	96 00	106 00	.....	10 00
Town of Wilmington.....	.....	.....	.....	20 63	.....	20 63
Town of Saugus.....	.....	698 31	23,198 31	117 13	.....	117 13
Schools.....	22,500 00	78 95	3,578 95	22,325 15	873 16	.....
School Incidentals.....	3,500 00	654 30	4,154 30	4,451 67	.....	872 72
Public Library.....	900 00	.....	.....	1,454 30	.....	.....
Overdrawn.....	\$6,392 50	\$13,961 69	\$100,354 19	\$101,046 56	\$2,323 93	\$3,016 30
Unexpended.....	\$3,016 30	.....	\$692 37	.....	.....	.....
Expenses for the year 1903.....	2,323 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Add Temporary Loans.....	.....	.....	101,046 56	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	77,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Total Selectmen's Orders.....	.....	.....	\$178,046 56	.....	.....	.....
Expenses Above.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Less following amounts due on account year 1903.....	.....	.....	\$101,046 56	.....	.....	.....
Grace McKay vs. Town of Reading.....	61 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State and Military Aid.....	2,600 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burial Agent.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Poor Acct.....	49 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Woburn.....	46 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Melrose.....	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
City of Waltham.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Wilmington.....	20 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of Saugus.....	117 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Town of North Reading.....	44 43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chas. L. Haag.....	85 54	.....	3,146 99	.....	.....	.....
Net Expenses.....	.....	.....	\$97 889 57	.....	.....	.....
Less sundry credits for the year 1903, as above.....	.....	.....	13,961 69	.....	.....	.....
Amount raised by taxation and appropriations from available assets.....	.....	.....	\$83,937 88	.....	.....	.....

Dr.

EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER,

To cash in Treasury, January, 1903.....	\$ 7,364 69
To cash received from State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, 1902.....	75 12
" " " " National Bank Tax, 1902.....	278 39
" " " " Support of State Paupers.....	269 70
" " " " Corporation Tax, 1903.....	3,169 01
" " " " National Bank Tax, 1903.....	1,311 48
" " " " Military Aid, 1902.....	98 00
" " " " State Aid, 1902.....	2,796 00
" " " " Street Railway Tax, 1903.....	1,576 85
" " " " for Burial of Indigent Soldiers....	35 00
" " " " for State Highway Repairs.....	11 60
" " County Treasurer, Dog Tax, 1902.....	554 30
" " Hired Money in Anticipation of Taxes.....	80,000 00
" " H. M. Viall, Street Railroad Tax.....	2,075 48
To cash paid Treasurer on orders drawn.....	611 91
To cash received from Selectmen, Concrete and Edgestone Account.....	241 74
" " " License Fees.....	16 00
" " " Account of Mary Gowing.....	169 46
" " " Material Sold.....	30
" " " Account of Spraying Trees.....	1 88
" " " Account of Highway.....	3 92
" " First National Bank, interest on deposits.....	169 61
" " Supt. of Streets, material sold.....	26 35
" " Supt. of Schools, tuition and material sold.....	87 31
" " Supt. of Schools, bills paid twice.....	17 25
" " School Committee, cash refunded.....	64 00
" " Town of North Reading, outside poor.....	38 50
" " Town of North Reading, tuition.....	611 00
" " Town of Lynnfield, outside poor.....	101 50
" " City of Waltham, " ".....	201 00
" " " Woburn, " ".....	78 55
" " " Brockton, " ".....	128 64
" " Town of Wakefield, " ".....	10 25
" " Overseers of the Poor, Town Home.....	353 62
" " Trustees of Cemetery, lots sold.....	740 00
" " " " interest on bequests.....	305 29
" " " " unexpended income.....	417 75
" " Hubbard Copeland, cemetery bequest.....	150 00
" " John Draffin, " ".....	100 00
" " Hattie D. Pond, executrix, cemetery bequest.....	100 00
" " Walter S. Parker, Et al Trustees, cemetery bequest..	50 00
" " Miss Abbie Clapp, cemetery bequest.....	100 00
" " Emily Alice Jones, " ".....	100 00
" " Emma M. Brown, " ".....	75 00
" " F. Eliza Kingman, " ".....	100 00
" " Edward T. Pendergrace, cemetery bequest.....	100 00
" " Fourth District Court, Fines.....	82 00
" " Master of the House of Correction, fines.....	9 00
" " Frank Parker, Sealer of Weights.....	5 71
" " Income from Swan Estate.....	108 00
" " State Board of Charities.....	25 00
" " School Department, check returned.....	2 00
" " Lawrence & Reading St. Ry. Highway Acct.....	38 67
" " Danvers Insane Hospital, acct. of Hugh A. McKenzie	6 00
" " Estate of C. N. Mellen, removing wires.....	75
" " Hired Money, renewal of notes.....	2,400 00
" " Hired Money, Main St. loan.....	1,000 00
" " Overseers of the Poor, gravel sold.....	35 85
" " Highway Department, bill overpaid.....	1 00
" " Engineers of Fire Department, for one-half of fence,	
J. B. Lewis, Jr.,.....	7 85
" " H. M. Viall, Collector, tax paid after sale.....	6 00
" " " " tax list of 1900.....	248 93
" " " " " 1901.....	13,614 26
" " " " " 1902.....	16,400 00
" " " " " 1903.....	569 25

\$ 195,802 47

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING, Cr.

By paying County Tax, 1903.....	\$ 4,977 69
" State Tax, 1903.....	3,800 00
" National Bank Tax, 1903.....	304 02
" Repairs of State Highway.....	53 50
" Selectmen's Orders.....	178,046 56
" Cash in Treasury, Jan., 1904.....	8,620 70
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	\$195,802 47

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

DR. EDWARD F. PARKER, TREAS., IN ACCOUNT WITH

To cash in Treasury, January, 1903.....	\$ 49 41
" received from First National Bank, interest.....	30 61
" " " Water Commissioners.....	17,789 31
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	\$17,869 33

DR. EDWARD F. PARKER, TREAS., IN ACCOUNT WITH

To cash in Treasury, January, 1903.....	\$ 5
" received from Electric Light Commissioners.....	20,926 79
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	\$20,932 52

TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY,

CR.

By paying Water Commissioners' Orders.....	\$17,793 40
By cash in Treasury, January, 1904.....	75 93
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	\$17,869 33

WARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

TOWN OF READING ELEC. LT. & POWER PLANT, CR.

By paying Electric Light Commissioners' Orders.....	\$20,906 38
By cash in Treasury, January, 1904.....	26 14
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	\$20,932 52

EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT

LIABILITIES

Water bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1904	\$216,000 00
Interest accrued on same	781 46
Electric light bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1904	48,600 00
Interest accrued on same	476 68
School bonds outstanding Jan. 1, 1904	40,000 00
Interest accrued on same	590 90
Temporary loans	50,000 00
Interest accrued on same	437 98
Highway notes due Dec. 7, 1907 and 1908	2,000 00
Interest accrued on same	5 56
Due to Fire Department	1,000 00
Miscellaneous debts	1,394 12
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	\$361,286 70

TRUST FUNDS

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	\$100 00
“ Thomas Sweetser	100 00
“ Sabrina Nichols	100 00
“ Martha Pike	25 00
“ Sarah Batchelder	25 00
“ T. T. Greenwood	500 00

<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$850 00 361,286 70
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<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$850 00	361,286 70
Bequest of Mark Temple	100 00	
“ Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and Margaret Gilman . . .	75 00	
“ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson	100 00	
“ Lavinia Coggin	100 00	
“ Margaret Towne	100 00	
“ Lucretia A. Hopkins and Elias Boardman	150 00	
“ Mrs. Sarah Smith	100 00	
“ Gilman D. Kingman . . .	100 00	
“ Rosamond C. Pratt	100 00	
“ Mary F. Harnden	100 00	
“ Mary B. Wakefield	100 00	
“ P. Jane Batchelder	100 00	
“ Arthur D. Kingman	50 00	
“ Estate of P. A. Corkins . . .	100 00	
“ Dorinda R. Pratt	200 00	
“ Mary Ann McAllister	100 00	
“ Gilman A. Coggin	100 00	
“ Mary Ann McAllister for Joseph Bryant	50 00	
“ Miss Mary Evans	50 00	
“ Frederick Bancroft	40 71	
“ Estate of Samuel Pierce . . .	100 00	
“ D. W. Berry, executor . . .	100 00	
“ William L. Crowe	100 00	
“ George C. Coney	100 00	
“ Heirs of Sherman Case . . .	75 00	
“ Estate Isaac M. Clark . . .	100 00	
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<hr/> \$3,340 71	361,286 70

<i>Amount brought forward</i>			\$3,340 71 361,286 70
Bequest of Estate Mary Butler	.	.	150 00
" " Mary E. Badger	.	.	100 00
" " Heil J. Nelson	.	.	200 00
" " John Burrill	.	.	100 00
" " F. O. Dewey	.	.	300 00
" " S. H. Dinsmore	.	.	100 00
" Mary J. Kimball	.	.	50 00
" Alden Batchelder	.	.	100 00
" Estate Charles A. Weston	.	.	100 00
" Henry F. Parker	.	.	100 00
" Sarah D. Eaton	.	.	100 00
" Heirs of James H. Bancroft	.	.	75 00
" Mary W. Pratt	.	.	50 00
" Miss Climena Wakefield	.	.	100 00
" Estate Louisa M. Eaton	.	.	100 00
" Maria E. Waitt	.	.	100 49
" Adrian Mertens	.	.	200 00
" Albert B. Gleason	.	.	50 00
" Frances P. Dow	.	.	100 00
" Estate Thomas Richardson	.	.	100 00
" Helen M. Sherman	.	.	50 00
" Susan B. Moseley	.	.	50 00
" Charles E. Hall	.	.	100 00
" Lucy W. Parker	.	.	75 00
" Estate Martha R. Temple	.	.	100 00
" Estate Needham Nichols	.	.	100 00
" Mary W. Pratt	.	.	50 00
" Mrs. James T. Norris	.	.	300 00
" Estate Francis Kingman	.	.	100 00
" Estate Albert Nichols	.	.	100 00
<i>Amount carried forward</i>			\$6,371 20 361,286 70

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$6,371 20	361,286 70
Bequest of George L. Smith . . .	200 00	
“ Susan A. Martin . . .	100 00	
“ Maria Carter . . .	100 00	
“ Hubbard Copeland . . .	150 00	
“ John Draffin . . .	100 00	
“ Hattie D. Pond, executrix . . .	100 00	
“ Trustees of Laura Frost . . .	50 00	
“ Abby C. Clapp . . .	100 00	
“ Emily Alice Jones . . .	100 00	
“ Emma M. Brown . . .	75 00	
“ F. Eliza Kingman . . .	100 00	
“ Edward T. Pendergrast . . .	100 00	
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	\$7,646 20	
Interest accrued on the above funds not yet expended	\$320 53	
	<hr/>	\$7,966 73
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		\$369,253 43

AVAILABLE ASSETS

Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1902 . . .	\$11,168 03
Unpaid taxes Oct. 1, 1903 . . .	31,249 68
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes . . .	1,259 81
Due from State Aid Account . . .	2,660 00
“ Commonwealth of Mass. . .	49 50
“ City of Waltham . . .	10 00
“ City of Melrose . . .	35 00
“ City of Woburn . . .	46 16
“ Town of Saugus . . .	117 13
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<i>Amount carried forward</i>	\$46,595 31

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$46,595 31
" Town of Wilmington . . .	20 63
" Town of North Reading . . .	44 43
" Charles L. Haag . . .	359 15
" Mary Jane Weinburg . . .	33 50
" Hospital Account . . .	419 27
" Concreting Account . . .	76 53
" Street Ry. Account . . .	40 43
	<hr/> \$47,589 25
Cash in Treasury	\$ 8,620 70
Cash in Treasury, water supply . . .	75 93
Cash in Treasury, electric light . . .	26 14
	<hr/> \$56,312 02
Available assets in excess of liabilities.	
Uncollected taxes and accounts due . . .	\$47,589 25
Cash in Treasury	8,620 70
	<hr/> \$56,209 95
Bills payable	\$2,394 12
Interest on school bonds	590 90
Interest on bequests	320 53
Temporary loans and interest	50,437 98
Interest on highway notes	5 56
	<hr/> \$53,749 09
	<hr/> \$2,460 86

We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Water Commissioners, and Electric Light Commissioners, and found satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collector, and Treasurer, and found them correct.

EDGAR N. HUNT,
ALBERT P. DANE,
GEO. H. CLOUGH,
Auditors.

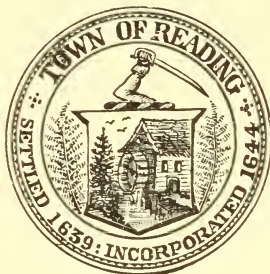
BONDS AND NOTES OUTSTANDING

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
May 1, 1904	\$2,000 00	\$1,400 00	
June 1, 1904			\$7,000 00
July 15, 1904		2,000 00	
Aug. 1, 1904	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1904		1,000 00	
May 1, 1905		1,400 00	
May 10, 1905	2,000 00		
June 1, 1905			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1905	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1905		2,000 00	
Mch. 9, 1906	5,000 00		
May 1, 1906		1,400 00	
June 1, 1906			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1906	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1906		2,000 00	
Dec. 7, 1906		1,400 00	
June 1, 1907			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1907	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1907		2,000 00	
June 1, 1908			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1908	2,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1908		2,000 00	
June 1, 1909			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1909	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1909		2,000 00	
June 1, 1910			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1910	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1910		\$2,000 00	
June 1, 1911			\$7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1911	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1911		2,000 00	

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
Mch.15, 1912			10,000 00
June 1, 1912			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1912	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1912		2,000 00	
June 1, 1913			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1913	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1913		2,000 00	
June 1, 1914			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1914	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1914		2,000 00	
June 1, 1915			7,000 00
Aug. 1, 1915	3,000 00		
Oct. 1, 1915		2,000 00	
June 1, 1916			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1916		2,000 00	
June 1, 1917			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1917		2,000 00	
June 1, 1918			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1918		2,000 00	
June 1, 1919			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1919		2,000 00	
June 1, 1920			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1920		2,000 00	
June 1, 1921			12,000 00
Oct. 1, 1921		2,000 00	
June 1, 1922			12,000 00
Oct. 1. 1922		2,000 00	
June 1, 1923			10,000 00
Oct. 1, 1923		2,000 00	
June 1, 1924			10,000 00
Oct. 1, 1924		2,000 00	
June 1, 1925			10,000 00

	SCHOOL	ELECTRIC LIGHT	WATER
June 1, 1926			5,000 00
June 1, 1927			3,000 00

TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Lower Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1904, at six o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, one member of Board of Assessors for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, one member of Board of Health for three years, two Constables, one Water Commissioner for three years, one member of the Municipal Light Board for three years, two Trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery for three years, two Trustees of the Public Library for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, three Auditors,

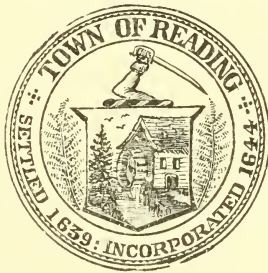
and Tree Warden for one year ; also on same ballot Yes or No in answer to the following question : "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town ?"

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of February, A. D. 1904.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
Selectmen of Reading.

TOWN WARRANT



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of

Reading qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in Masonic Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the seventh day of March, A. D. 1904, at seven thirty o'clock in the evening, to act on the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water Commissioners, Municipal Light Board, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Cemetery, Trustees of the Public Library, Auditors, Board of Health, Sewerage Committee, Finance Committee, Tree Warden, and Special Committees.

Art. 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, and to determine what instructions they will give the Town Officers.

Art. 4. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, Incidental School Expenses, Superintendent of Schools, Repairs of Highways, Bridges and Sidewalks, Sprinkling Streets, Removing Snow and Ice, Concrete Sidewalks and Edgestones (provided abutters pay one-half), Fire Department, Police Department, Forest Fire Wards, Support of Poor, Salaries of Town Officers, State and Military Aid, Soldiers' Relief, Printing, Abatement of Taxes, Town Building, Cemetery, Public Library, Memorial Day, Board of Health, Care of Old South Clock, Interest Account, Care and Improvement of the Common, Mayall Park and Elm Park, Election Expenses, Concrete Gutters, Crosswalks and Paved Gutters, Repairs of Concrete, for the Committee on Sewerage, Miscellaneous Expenses, and Tree Warden.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-two hundred and eighty dollars for the purpose of maintaining one hundred and thirty-eight arc lights at sixty dollars per light; and appropriate the same together with receipts of Plant for maintenance and interest accounts of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1904, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars and appropriate the unexpended balance of the year 1903 for construction and extension of the Municipal Light and Power Plant for the year 1904, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Avon street between Ash street and Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Walnut street between Curtis and South streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 9. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Grand street near Harriman avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 10. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Vine street at the foot of Middlesex avenue, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of erecting an arc light on Hartshorn street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars to furnish electricity for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars to furnish water for the Home for Aged Women.

Art. 14. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen or Board of Health in the suit of the City of Melrose vs. Town of Reading.

Art. 15. To determine how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for service pipes, hydrant rental, water for drinking fountains, water for street sprinkling, interest on water loan, maintenance of water works and extraordinary repairs.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year.

Art. 17. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

Art. 18. To see what instructions the Town will give the Board of Selectmen in relation to filling the vacancies on the Finance Committee of the five members whose terms expire this year.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of furnishing electricity for lighting Grand Army Hall on Haven street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of twelve hundred and forty dollars to meet the interest on School House Bonds.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents to meet the interest on School House Notes.

Art. 22. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Electric Light and Power Plant Note for fourteen hundred dollars due May 1, 1904.

Art. 23. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of School House Note for two thousand dollars due May 1, 1904.

Art. 24. To see what action the Town will take to meet payment of Electric Light and Power Plant Note for two thousand dollars due July 15, 1904.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will instruct the Board of Selectmen to purchase the playground on Washington street owned by Mr. Kirk Sweetser, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to issue the note or notes of the Town for the sum of seventy-six hundred dollars for the purposes set forth in Article 25 of this warrant, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars for the purpose of installing the block or district system for assessing purposes in this Town, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 28. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to index the old Town Records, and what instructions they will give the Town Clerk in relation to the same.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of setting edgestones around the south-easterly part of the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate sixty-five dollars to lay curbstones on the northerly side of Salem street, formerly Lowell street, against the property of the Old South Church, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fifty dollars for the purpose of constructing a covered drain from a point on Pearl street near the Town Home, to a point on Charles street near Harrison street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will assume the charge and keep in repair the drain laid by Walter Gerritson, extending from Deering street through Harriman avenue across Grand street and land of one Robinson, High street, and through land of Jacob W. Man-

ning, also the catch basins connected with said drain, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 33. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to build a wall on the southerly side of ditch from Main street to rear boundary line of the estate of Fred A. Nichols, said ditch being a Town drain, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to build a sidewalk on the easterly side of Grove street from Lowell street to Forest street, and raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars for that purpose. Any expenditure over this amount necessary to complete the work to be taken from the regular highway appropriation, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of grading and putting in good condition the sidewalk on the easterly side of Summer avenue from the driveway at the estate of the late Oliver Lewis to Main street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for the further improvement of the Common according to plans suggested by the Civic League.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars toward defraying the expense of band concerts for the coming summer, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an inspector of milk.

Art. 39. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars to meet the expenses of a milk inspector, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 40. To see if the Town will accept the offer of Miss Adelaide Sheak and purchase her estate upon Linden and Sanborn

streets in accordance with the terms of said offer, as recommended in the report of the School Committee, and how much money they will raise by loan or otherwise and appropriate therefor, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 41. To see if the Town will take any action relieving from taxation property used exclusively for charitable purposes.

Art. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to place tower strikers on houses of Hose No. 3 and No. 4, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 43. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars to place a new fire alarm box on Haven street near the G. A. R. hall, and relocate box 17 near the corner of Prescott and Arlington streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 44. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of five to look into the cost and advisability of remodeling the present Town building to accommodate all Town offices, and the building of a new fire station on Town land east of the Town building, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 45. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sec. 78 and Sec. 79 of Chapter 32 of the Revised Laws, relating to the establishment of an association, society or club by the firemen of the Town of Reading.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-three and forty one-hundredths dollars to pay the police officers who were on duty at the fair of the Middlesex East Agricultural Association in September, A. D. 1902, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 47. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for a safe for the Town Clerk, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of

Selectmen to appoint a day patrolman, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 49. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purpose of completing the sidewalk on Oak street from West street to the estate of Joseph S. Robinson, or what they will do in relation thereto.

Art. 50. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Sec. 24, Chapter 32, and Section 9, Chapter 208, of the Revised Laws, which refer to the setting of fires in the open air between the first day of April and the first day of October, and negligently setting fires and not extinguishing same.

Art. 51. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen on the laying out of Beech street from Green street to the private way known as Lake avenue, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars for that purpose.

Art. 52. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen in relation to guide posts, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the repair of the same.

Art. 53. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names of jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this fourth day of February, A. D. 1904.

WILLIAM I. RUGGLES,
JAMES W. KILLAM,
OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
Selectmen of Reading.

LIST OF NAMES OF JURORS

The subscribers, Selectmen of Reading, present the following list of persons, who, in their judgment, are qualified to serve as jurors :

Adams, George E.	. . . . .	Clerk
Babcock, James	. . . . .	Retired
Bacheller, Warren A.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Baker, William H.	. . . . .	Cabinet Maker
Bancroft, Elmer P.	. . . . .	Laborer
Batchelder, Alden	. . . . .	Retired
Batchelder, Howard W.	. . . . .	Farmer
Beaudry, Charles B.	. . . . .	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Bessom, Charles F.	. . . . .	Farmer
Bosson, Harry P.	. . . . .	Insurance Agent
Brown, Joseph H.	. . . . .	Laborer
Brown, Samuel	. . . . .	Wheelwright
Carter, George	. . . . .	Laborer
Chandler, Alfred D.	. . . . .	Real Estate
Coney, Walter E.	. . . . .	Shoe Worker
Connelly, John	. . . . .	R. R. Employe
Cook, George W.	. . . . .	Bookkeeper
Cook, Walter F.	. . . . .	Painter
Davis, Arthur E.	. . . . .	R. R. Employe
Davis, William Wallace	. . . . .	Farmer
Eames, Charles B.	. . . . .	Shoe Worker
Eames, Edward B.	. . . . .	Salesman
Eames, George T.	. . . . .	Real Estate
Eames, Leonard T.	. . . . .	Electrician
Eames, Webster	. . . . .	Laborer
Eaton, John H.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Flint, George L.	. . . . .	Carpenter
Foster, Arthur J.	. . . . .	Farmer

Goodwin, Edwin H.	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Horrocks, George E.	Real Estate
Horton, William R.	Clerk
Jackson, Charles S.	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Johnson, J. Dana.	Shoe Worker
Jones, William H.	Farmer
Kidder, William	Carpenter
Kimball, Charles D.	Machinist
Knight, Edgar M.	Machinist
Krook, Lambertus W.	Cabinet Manufacturer
LaClair, Henry S.	Farmer
Lee, Charles W.	Merchant
Lovejoy, Eugene L.	Merchant
McIntire, Herbert E.	Carpenter
Mack, George	Upholsterer
Manning, Edwin	Clerk
Nichols, Albion G.	Fireman
Nichols, Amos C.	Caterer
Oakes, George F.	Engineer
Parker, Asa	Farmer
Parker, Fred A.	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Parker, Fred H.	Expressman
Parker, Horace A.	Cabinet Maker
Perkins, Alfred	Retired
Plummer, Henry W.	Merchant
Pratt, David W.	Laborer
Pratt, Wilnot K.	Laborer
Roberts, Joseph A.	Salesman
Runkle, E. Holcombe	Clerk
Sanborn, Daniel C.	Farmer
Sargent, George A.	Shoe Worker
Smith, Benjamin Y.	Organ Pipe Manufacturer
Stinchfield, Charles H.	Machinist

Temple, Arthur W.	.	.	.	.	.	Real Estate
Temple, Warren K.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Cutter
Wickens, John	.	.	.	.	.	Printer
Wyman, Fernando D.	.	.	.	.	.	Shoe Worker

WM. I. RUGGLES,
 JAMES W. KILLAM,
 OLIVER L. AKERLEY,
Selectmen of Reading.

READING, FEBRUARY 13, 1904.

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